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Labour Force Statistics ◆ June 2006

HIGHLIGHTS

All labour force statistics are seasonally adjusted, unless otherwise indicated

Unemployment rate drops to 4.3% in June, setting another record low

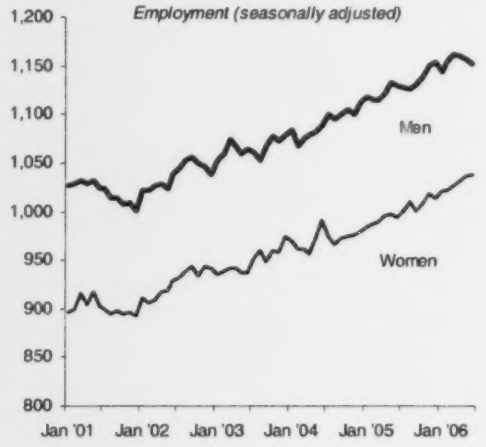
British Columbia's unemployment rate dropped 0.4 percentage points to a new record low of 4.3% in June. The improvement in the jobless rate came as the labour force shrank (-0.6%) between May and June and the number of jobs remained relatively unchanged (-0.1%, or a net loss of 1,800 jobs).

The province's goods producing industries (-2.3%) took on less workers in June. Employment increases in construction (+1.1%), utilities (+8.6%) and forestry, fishing & mining (+3.2%) were not able to offset a shedding of employees in manufacturing (-5.3%) and agriculture (-10.6%).

Meanwhile, employment in the service sector advanced 0.5%. Among those who took on more workers were retail & wholesale trade (+1.3%), education (+2.0%) and health & social services (+2.7%). However, there were job losses in public administration (-5.6%) and professional, scientific & technology services (-4.0%).

The private (+0.4%) and public (+0.6%) sectors took on a smaller number of workers, while fewer people were self-employed (-2.4%). Full-time employment (-0.3%) decreased slightly, but the number of part-time workers increased (+0.9%) for the first time since February. The job market remained favourable for young people (aged 15-24) as their unemployment rate slipped to 7.6%.

There were fewer jobs for men, but more women were employed in June



The number of women with jobs rose 0.3% in August, however, the job market for men continued to tighten. Male employment slipped for the third straight month, falling 0.4% in June. Young women continued to have a particularly favourable job market condition. The unemployment rate for women aged 15 to 24 reached a record low of 6.1% in June, while the jobless rate for young men of the same age group was much higher (9.2%). However, unemployment rates for all working-age (15+) men (4.2%) and women (4.3%) continued to decline at relatively the same pace.

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Jobless rates trend down in most regions despite declining employment

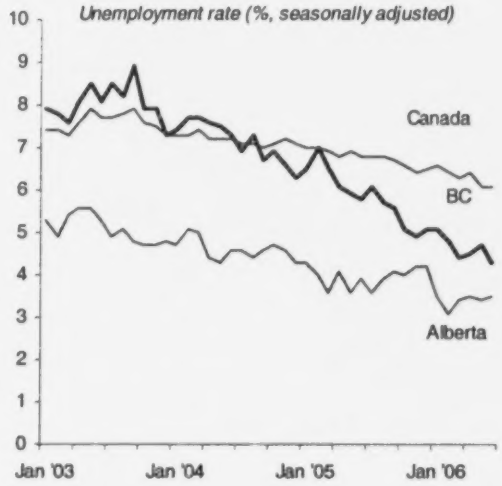
There were more jobs across all regions of the province except Northeast (+0.0%, *3-month-moving average*) in June. Kootenay (+4.9%) led the job creation in the province. Other regions to see significant employment growth were North Coast & Nechako (+3.0%) and Mainland/Southwest (+1.0%).

Unemployment rates were down in every region except Kootenay (5.7%). Jobless rates ranged from 4.1% in Mainland/Southwest to 6.6% in Cariboo.

Unemployment rates slide in BC's largest cities

BC's biggest urban centres also reported lower incidence of unemployment. In Abbotsford, jobless rates fell nearly four percentage points to 3.2% and Vancouver's rate inched down to 4.0%. Victoria's unemployment rate slipped to 1.7% in June, over four percentage points below the national average.

BC's unemployment rate remains among the lowest in the country



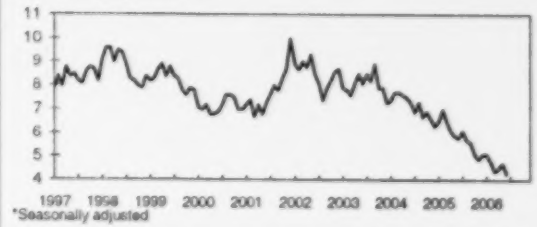
Alberta (3.5%) and Manitoba (3.6%) continued to be the only provinces with a lower incidence of unemployment than BC. Jobless rates in the rest of the country ranged from 4.9% in Saskatchewan to 14.8% in Newfoundland. The Canadian unemployment rate held steady at 6.1%, as the number of jobs was virtually un-changed and the number of people either employed or looking for work shrank by a mere 0.1%.

Selected Statistics	June-06	May-06	June-05
BC Unemployment Rate (%)	4.3	4.7	5.8
Canadian Unemployment Rate (%)	6.1	6.1	6.8
BC Employment ('000)	2,192	2,194	2,124
BC Labour Force Participation Rate (%)	65.2	65.7	65.5
June % change in employment relative to:	-	-0.1	3.2
June % change in labour force relative to:	-	-0.6	1.5

1 Summary for June 2006--Actual and Seasonally Adjusted

	Current June 2006		Previous Month May 2006		One Year Ago June 2005		Change from May 2006		Change from June 2005	
	Actual	S.A.	Actual	S.A.	Actual	S.A.	Actual	S.A.	Actual	S.A.
British Columbia										
Working Age Population ('000)	3509.1		3503.5		3444.5		0.2%		1.9%	
Labour Force ('000)	2317.1	2289.1	2315.6	2302.0	2284.7	2255.4	0.1%	-0.6%	1.4%	1.5%
Employment ('000)	2226.3	2191.8	2202.6	2193.6	2159.2	2123.8	1.1%	-0.1%	3.1%	3.2%
Unemployment ('000)	90.9	97.3	113.1	108.4	125.5	131.6	-19.6%	-10.2%	-27.6%	-26.1%
Employment Rate[1]	63.4%	62.5%	62.9%	62.6%	62.7%	61.7%				
Unemployment Rate	3.9%	4.3%	4.9%	4.7%	5.5%	5.8%				
Participation Rate	66.0%	65.2%	66.1%	65.7%	66.3%	65.5%				
Canada										
Working Age Population ('000)	26,169.1		26,135.8		25,786.6		0.1%		1.5%	
Labour Force ('000)	17,862.0	17,577.3	17,767.6	17,588.0	17,600.9	17,320.5	0.5%	-0.1%	1.5%	1.5%
Employment ('000)	16,854.5	16,510.3	16,676.0	16,514.9	16,489.5	16,151.2	1.1%	0.0%	2.2%	2.2%
Unemployment ('000)	1,007.4	1,067.1	1,091.5	1,073.2	1,111.4	1,169.3	-7.7%	-0.6%	-9.4%	-8.7%
Employment Rate[1]	64.4%	63.1%	63.8%	63.2%	63.9%	62.6%				
Unemployment Rate	5.6%	6.1%	6.1%	6.1%	6.3%	6.8%				
Participation Rate	68.3%	67.2%	68.0%	67.3%	68.3%	67.2%				

BC Unemployment Rate:*



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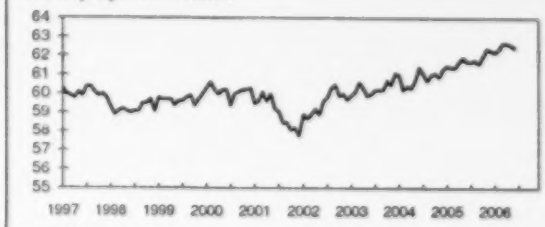

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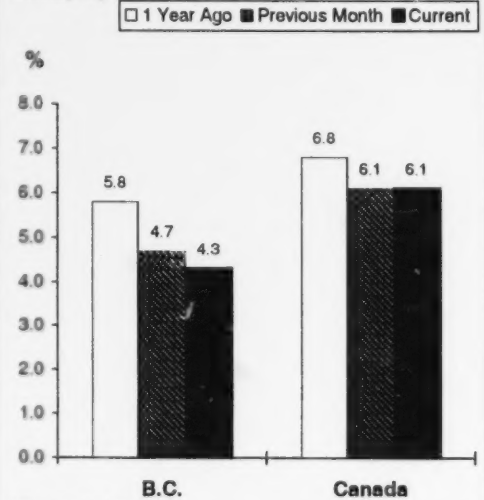
Unemployment Rate, June 2006*



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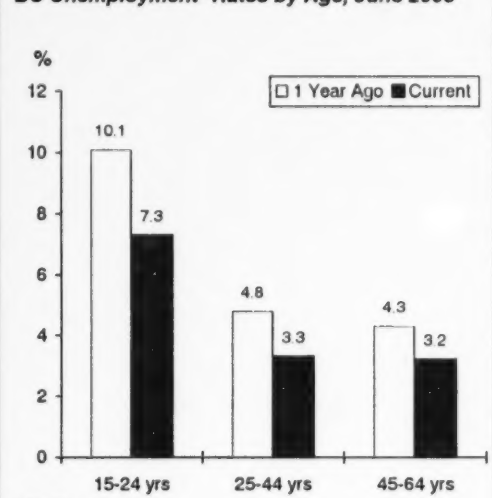
BC Unemployment Rates by Age, June 2006*



* Actual

[1] Employment rate is calculated as employment as a percent of the working age population.

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2 BC Monthly Labour Force Data

	Actual								Seasonally Adjusted							
	Labour Force		Employed		Unemployed		Unemployment Rate	Participation Rate	Labour Force		Employed		Unemployed		Unemployment Rate	Participation Rate
	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	(%)	(%)	('000)	% Chg*	('000)	% Chg*	('000)	% Chg*	(%)	(%)
1996	1,988.4		1,816.4		172.0		8.7	65.6								
1997	2,030.6	2.1	1,860.5	2.4	170.1	-1.1	8.4	65.5								
1998	2,038.3	0.4	1,858.4	-0.1	179.9	5.8	8.8	64.9								
1999	2,064.8	1.3	1,894.4	1.9	170.4	-5.3	8.3	65.1								
2000	2,079.9	0.7	1,931.3	1.9	148.6	-12.8	7.1	64.8								
2001	2,082.6	0.1	1,921.6	-0.5	161.1	8.4	7.7	64.0								
2002	2,147.6	3.1	1,965.0	2.3	182.6	13.3	8.5	65.1								
2003	2,190.7	2.0	2,014.7	2.5	176.0	-3.6	8.0	65.6								
2004	2,221.9	1.4	2,062.7	2.4	159.2	-9.5	7.2	65.5								
2005	2,263.4	1.9	2,130.5	3.3	132.9	-16.5	5.9	65.6								
	('000)	% Chg*	('000)	% Chg*	('000)	% Chg*										
2005 Jan	2,216.7	1.3	2,058.0	2.5	158.8	-11.1	7.2	64.9	2,248.9		2,102.4		146.5		6.5	65.8
Feb	2,241.2	2.9	2,069.8	3.7	171.4	-5.8	7.6	65.5	2,261.6	0.6	2,103.1	0.0	158.5	8.2	7.0	66.1
Mar	2,229.5	1.9	2,080.6	3.2	149.0	-13.3	6.7	65.0	2,250.9	-0.5	2,104.5	0.1	146.4	-7.6	6.5	65.6
Apr	2,231.1	2.3	2,092.4	3.9	138.7	-17.5	6.2	65.0	2,254.1	0.1	2,116.9	0.6	137.1	-6.4	6.1	65.7
May	2,274.9	2.0	2,138.3	3.9	136.6	-20.4	6.0	66.1	2,263.8	0.4	2,130.7	0.7	133.0	-3.0	5.9	65.8
Jun	2,284.7	0.7	2,159.2	2.1	125.5	-18.9	5.5	66.3	2,255.4	-0.4	2,123.8	-0.3	131.6	-1.1	5.8	65.5
Jul	2,307.1	1.7	2,161.4	2.6	145.7	-10.1	6.3	66.9	2,266.7	0.5	2,128.8	0.2	138.0	4.9	6.1	65.7
Aug	2,313.1	1.6	2,166.7	3.5	146.4	-19.8	6.3	66.9	2,266.6	0.0	2,137.0	0.4	129.7	-6.0	5.7	65.6
Sep	2,259.0	1.6	2,142.7	2.7	116.3	-15.2	5.1	65.2	2,259.5	-0.3	2,132.4	-0.2	127.2	-1.9	5.6	65.3
Oct	2,264.9	1.4	2,160.9	3.3	104.0	-26.4	4.6	65.3	2,264.4	0.2	2,148.7	0.8	115.7	-9.0	5.1	65.3
Nov	2,271.2	2.7	2,168.0	4.5	103.2	-24.5	4.5	65.4	2,280.3	0.7	2,169.0	0.9	111.4	-3.7	4.9	65.7
Dec	2,267.7	2.3	2,168.6	3.6	99.0	-19.9	4.4	65.2	2,282.9	0.1	2,167.1	-0.1	115.8	3.9	5.1	65.6
2006 Jan	2,252.5	1.6	2,122.5	3.1	130.0	-18.1	5.8	64.7	2,284.5	0.1	2,166.9	0.0	117.6	1.6	5.1	65.6
Feb	2,260.2	0.8	2,141.7	3.5	118.5	-30.9	5.2	64.8	2,285.1	0.0	2,175.9	0.4	109.2	-7.1	4.8	65.5
Mar	2,267.9	1.7	2,164.9	4.1	102.9	-30.9	4.5	64.9	2,290.8	0.2	2,189.0	0.6	101.8	-6.8	4.4	65.6
Apr	2,273.0	1.9	2,169.1	3.7	104.0	-25.0	4.6	65.0	2,295.7	0.2	2,192.8	0.2	102.9	1.1	4.5	65.6
May	2,315.6	1.8	2,202.6	3.0	113.1	-17.2	4.9	66.1	2,302.0	0.3	2,193.6	0.0	108.4	5.3	4.7	65.7
Jun	2,317.1	1.4	2,226.3	3.1	90.9	-27.6	3.9	66.0	2,289.1	-0.6	2,191.8	-0.1	97.3	-10.2	4.3	65.2
Jul																
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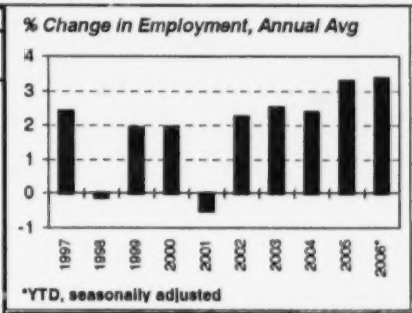
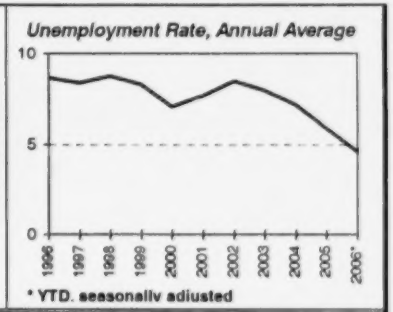
Average:																
Jan-Jun05	2,246.4		2,099.7		146.7		6.5	65.5	2,255.8		2,113.6		142.2		6.3	65.8
Jan-Jun06	2,281.1		2,171.2		109.9		4.8	65.3	2,291.2		2,185.0		106.2		4.6	65.5
% Change	1.5		3.4		-25.1				1.6		3.4		-25.3			





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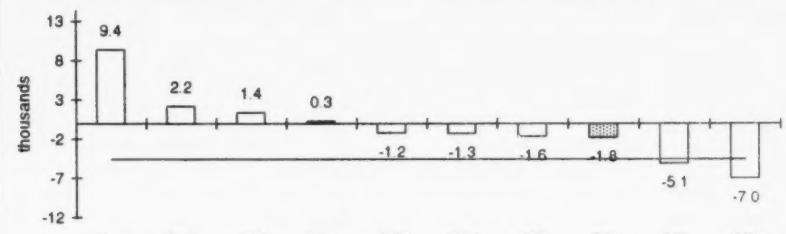
3a Employment ('000) by Province

Actual

	BC	Alta	Sask	Man	Ont	Que	NB	NS	PEI	Nfld	CAN
1996	1,816.4	1,405.1	456.8	517.4	5,167.1	3,129.8	305.5	376.9	58.9	187.5	13,421.4
1997	1,860.5	1,451.4	466.2	525.6	5,291.4	3,172.8	309.1	382.0	58.8	188.3	13,706.0
1998	1,858.4	1,509.9	470.5	534.2	5,453.3	3,257.5	315.2	395.3	59.6	192.4	14,046.2
1999	1,894.4	1,544.0	471.6	541.4	5,636.7	3,328.1	325.5	404.0	60.2	201.0	14,406.7
2000	1,931.3	1,584.0	473.5	552.3	5,817.1	3,402.8	331.2	411.4	62.7	198.0	14,764.2
2001	1,921.6	1,630.9	460.3	554.3	5,926.2	3,440.2	330.1	415.2	63.6	203.8	14,946.2
2002	1,965.0	1,670.8	468.3	567.2	6,031.4	3,569.9	343.1	422.9	64.7	207.2	15,310.4
2003	2,014.7	1,716.7	476.1	570.3	6,213.2	3,628.8	343.1	431.2	66.1	212.3	15,672.3
2004	2,062.7	1,757.5	479.7	576.6	6,316.5	3,680.5	350.1	442.2	66.9	214.3	15,947.0
2005	2,130.5	1,784.4	483.5	580.3	6,397.7	3,717.3	350.5	443.1	68.2	214.1	16,169.7

Employment Change*('000), June 2006 *Line represents Canada at 4.6*



** Current month over previous month (saadj)*

Seasonally Adjusted

		BC	Alta	Sask	Man	Ont	Que	NB	NS	PEI	Nfld	CAN
2005	Jan	2,058.0	1,740.5	473.4	567.9	6,217.0	3,599.5	332.9	426.8	62.8	199.3	15,678.1
	Feb	2,069.8	1,748.6	476.3	573.6	6,259.3	3,622.4	333.6	425.3	63.3	197.2	15,769.2
	Mar	2,080.6	1,755.7	479.6	569.6	6,247.3	3,620.5	333.6	427.6	63.7	201.5	15,779.8
	Apr	2,092.4	1,754.0	476.3	570.6	6,312.6	3,645.9	336.6	434.3	63.5	200.1	15,886.3
	May	2,138.3	1,800.7	495.0	587.0	6,458.2	3,698.3	359.9	454.3	70.6	214.6	16,277.0
	Jun	2,159.2	1,813.8	498.0	589.4	6,505.1	3,796.3	364.0	457.7	73.3	232.6	16,489.5
	Jul	2,161.4	1,814.9	497.3	589.0	6,486.1	3,837.8	368.3	458.3	73.9	242.0	16,529.0
	Aug	2,166.7	1,811.9	492.3	587.0	6,507.5	3,814.1	367.7	460.9	73.9	226.3	16,508.5
	Sep	2,142.7	1,786.4	480.2	581.8	6,419.5	3,761.0	357.0	443.4	70.9	221.6	16,264.6
	Oct	2,160.9	1,791.5	479.9	582.9	6,473.4	3,759.0	351.2	447.1	69.7	215.9	16,331.4
	Nov	2,168.0	1,796.6	479.1	583.4	6,459.9	3,734.3	351.7	441.0	67.2	214.0	16,295.1
	Dec	2,168.6	1,798.6	474.5	581.9	6,427.1	3,718.2	349.9	439.8	65.9	203.5	16,228.1
2006	Jan	2,122.5	1,780.2	470.8	574.1	6,337.6	3,639.1	342.9	425.0	63.0	193.9	15,949.1
	Feb	2,141.7	1,812.8	471.9	577.6	6,340.6	3,667.5	342.4	423.7	63.6	199.9	16,041.7
	Mar	2,164.9	1,824.4	474.4	574.2	6,359.6	3,675.3	343.4	428.7	63.2	198.5	16,106.7
	Apr	2,169.1	1,821.5	480.0	582.1	6,419.6	3,674.4	345.4	436.4	64.8	202.6	16,195.9
	May	2,202.6	1,899.2	496.1	596.5	6,582.9	3,789.4	365.0	451.8	72.7	220.0	16,676.0
	Jun	2,226.3	1,908.8	503.4	599.1	6,624.9	3,860.0	373.6	453.5	74.3	230.8	16,854.5
	Jul											
	Aug											
	Sep											
	Oct											
	Nov											
	Dec											
Average:												
Jan-Jun05		2,099.7	1,768.9	483.1	576.4	6,333.3	3,663.8	343.4	437.7	66.2	207.6	15,980.0
Jan-Jun06		2,171.2	1,841.2	482.8	583.9	6,444.2	3,717.6	352.1	436.5	66.9	207.6	16,304.0
% Change		3.4	4.1	-0.1	1.3	1.8	1.5	2.5	-0.3	1.1	0.0	2.0
		2,113.6	1,777.1	486.4	578.9	6,368.2	3,695.7	350.9	444.1	68.2	214.2	16,097.3
		2,185.0	1,846.2	485.2	586.6	6,478.9	3,750.8	359.4	443.0	68.9	213.6	16,417.7
		3.4	3.9	-0.2	1.3	1.7	1.5	2.4	-0.2	1.1	-0.3	2.0

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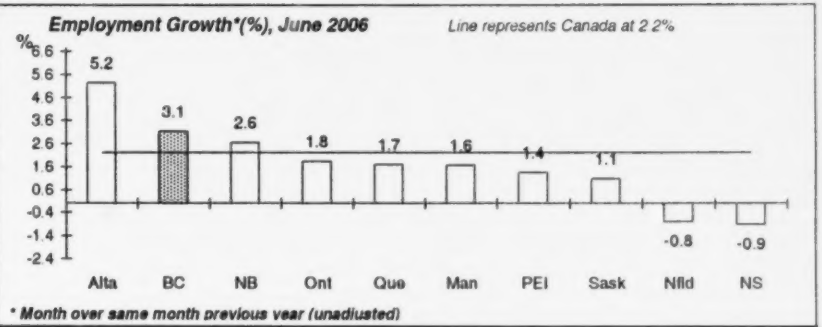
3b Employment Growth by Province (%)

Actual

	BC	Alta	Sask	Man	Ont	Que	NB	NS	PEI	Nfld	CAN
1996	1.7	2.9	-0.3	0.2	1.3	-0.2	-0.7	0.3	3.0	-3.5	0.9
1997	2.4	3.3	2.1	1.6	2.4	1.4	1.2	1.4	-0.2	0.4	2.1
1998	-0.1	4.0	0.9	1.6	3.1	2.7	2.0	3.5	1.4	2.2	2.5
1999	1.9	2.3	0.2	1.3	3.4	2.2	3.3	2.2	1.0	4.5	2.6
2000	1.9	2.6	0.4	2.0	3.2	2.2	1.8	1.8	4.2	-1.5	2.5
2001	-0.5	3.0	-2.8	0.4	1.9	1.1	-0.3	0.9	1.4	2.9	1.2
2002	2.3	2.4	1.7	2.3	1.8	3.8	3.9	1.9	1.7	1.7	2.4
2003	2.5	2.7	1.7	0.5	3.0	1.6	0.0	2.0	2.2	2.5	2.4
2004	2.4	2.4	0.8	1.1	1.7	1.4	2.0	2.6	1.2	0.9	1.8
2005	3.3	1.5	0.8	0.6	1.3	1.0	0.1	0.2	1.9	-0.1	1.4



*Month over same month previous year (unadjusted)

Seasonally Adjusted

	BC	Alta	Sask	Man	Ont	Que	NB	NS	PEI	Nfld	CAN
2005 Jan	2.5	1.8	2.2	0.9	0.5	1.9	1.0	2.2	4.0	0.6	1.3
Feb	3.7	1.6	2.5	1.7	0.7	1.5	0.9	1.3	4.3	-0.6	1.5
Mar	3.2	1.6	3.1	0.4	1.0	0.9	0.3	0.7	4.3	0.6	1.4
Apr	3.9	1.0	0.8	-0.1	1.2	0.1	1.6	1.0	3.9	-0.3	1.2
May	3.9	1.9	1.7	0.5	1.7	-0.6	2.1	1.3	2.5	-1.6	1.4
Jun	2.1	1.2	1.1	0.4	1.2	0.7	-0.8	-0.6	1.9	0.0	1.0
Jul	2.6	2.0	1.7	1.6	0.9	1.2	-0.4	-1.2	1.7	-1.1	1.2
Aug	3.5	1.3	0.6	0.7	1.4	1.6	-1.0	0.5	1.0	-1.9	1.5
Sep	2.7	0.7	-0.5	0.3	1.7	0.9	-1.6	-1.4	0.7	1.0	1.3
Oct	3.3	1.8	-1.2	0.1	1.8	1.1	-1.4	-0.1	0.3	1.0	1.6
Nov	4.5	1.7	-1.0	0.6	1.8	1.1	0.3	-0.6	-0.3	3.2	1.7
Dec	3.6	1.9	-1.3	0.5	1.4	1.7	0.9	-0.5	0.0	-2.1	1.6
2006 Jan	3.1	2.3	-0.5	1.1	1.9	1.1	3.0	-0.4	0.3	-2.7	1.7
Feb	3.5	3.7	-0.9	0.7	1.3	1.2	2.6	-0.4	0.5	1.4	1.7
Mar	4.1	3.9	-1.1	0.8	1.8	1.5	2.9	0.3	-0.8	-1.5	2.1
Apr	3.7	3.8	0.8	2.0	1.7	0.8	2.6	0.5	2.0	1.2	1.9
May	3.0	5.5	0.2	1.6	1.9	2.5	1.4	-0.6	3.0	2.5	2.5
Jun	3.1	5.2	1.1	1.6	1.8	1.7	2.6	-0.9	1.4	-0.8	2.2
Jul											
Aug											
Sep											
Oct											
Nov											
Dec											

	BC	Alta	Sask	Man	Ont	Que	NB	NS	PEI	Nfld	CAN
2005 Jan	0.5	0.3	0.0	-0.1	-0.3	0.4	-0.7	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.1
Feb	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.5	0.3	0.0	0.3	-0.5	0.1	-0.9	0.1
Mar	0.1	0.2	0.3	-1.2	0.1	-0.2	-0.4	-0.1	-0.4	1.2	0.0
Apr	0.6	0.1	-0.8	0.1	0.5	0.0	0.5	0.5	-0.4	-1.6	0.3
May	0.7	0.3	0.2	0.6	0.4	-0.7	1.1	0.7	-0.4	-0.3	0.2
Jun	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3	0.0	0.0	1.0	-2.0	-1.0	-1.0	1.8	0.1
Jul	0.2	0.5	-0.1	0.4	-0.1	0.5	0.5	-0.2	1.3	0.3	0.2
Aug	0.4	-0.1	-0.5	-0.2	0.1	0.4	-0.2	0.5	-0.6	-2.1	0.1
Sep	-0.2	-0.2	-0.7	-0.2	0.3	-0.2	-0.4	-1.1	0.6	1.1	0.0
Oct	0.8	0.6	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.4	-0.1	1.0	0.1	0.0	0.4
Nov	0.9	0.2	0.5	0.7	0.0	0.1	1.3	-0.2	0.7	1.4	0.2
Dec	-0.1	0.2	-0.3	-0.1	-0.2	0.3	1.0	-0.2	-0.1	-2.9	-0.1
2006 Jan	0.0	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.2	-0.2	1.0	0.3	0.1	-0.8	0.2
Feb	0.4	1.4	-0.1	0.0	-0.3	0.1	0.1	-0.2	0.4	2.8	0.2
Mar	0.6	0.4	0.2	-0.5	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.5	-1.6	-1.5	0.3
Apr	0.2	0.1	1.0	0.7	0.4	-0.6	0.1	0.5	2.5	1.3	0.1
May	0.0	1.7	-0.3	0.2	0.5	0.8	0.0	-0.4	0.3	0.7	0.6
Jun	-0.1	-0.4	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.3	-0.4	-1.1	-1.7	-0.6	0.0

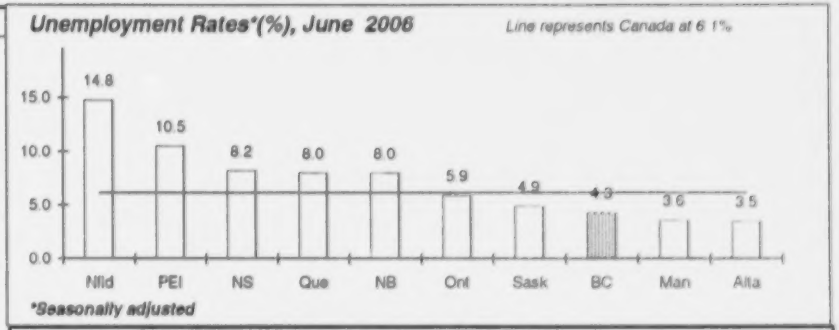
Note: growth rates for "actual" data are calculated as month over same month previous year. For seasonally adjusted data, growth rates are calculated as month over previous month.

Produced by: BC STATS

Source: Statistics Canada

4a Provincial Unemployment Rates (%)

	Actual										
	BC	Alta	Sask	Man	Ont	Que	NB	NS	PEI	Nfld	CAN
1996	8.7	6.9	6.7	7.3	9.0	11.9	11.6	12.4	14.7	19.1	9.6
1997	8.4	5.9	6.0	6.5	8.4	11.4	12.7	12.2	15.4	18.4	9.1
1998	8.8	5.6	5.8	5.6	7.2	10.3	12.2	10.5	13.9	17.9	8.3
1999	8.3	5.7	6.1	5.6	6.3	9.3	10.2	9.6	14.3	16.9	7.6
2000	7.1	5.0	5.1	5.0	5.8	8.5	10.0	9.1	12.1	16.7	6.8
2001	7.7	4.6	5.8	5.1	6.3	8.8	11.1	9.7	11.9	16.1	7.2
2002	8.5	5.3	5.7	5.1	7.1	8.6	10.2	9.6	12.0	16.7	7.7
2003	8.0	5.1	5.6	5.0	6.9	9.1	10.3	9.1	11.0	16.5	7.6
2004	7.2	4.6	5.3	5.3	6.6	8.5	9.8	8.8	11.3	15.7	7.2
2005	5.9	3.9	5.1	4.8	6.6	8.3	9.7	8.4	10.8	15.2	6.8
2005 Jan	7.2	4.8	5.6	5.6	6.7	9.5	11.2	9.9	14.1	16.5	7.5
Feb	7.6	4.2	5.5	5.4	7.0	9.0	10.6	10.7	13.0	17.2	7.5
Mar	6.7	3.5	5.5	5.5	7.3	8.9	10.6	9.8	13.0	16.9	7.4
Apr	6.2	4.2	5.5	5.1	6.6	8.5	11.2	9.2	15.0	18.8	7.0
May	6.0	3.6	4.3	4.7	7.2	8.5	9.6	7.8	9.5	16.7	7.0
Jun	5.5	3.4	4.2	4.3	6.6	7.4	9.0	7.7	7.8	12.5	6.3
Jul	6.3	3.7	4.9	4.7	7.3	7.9	9.3	7.7	9.1	12.1	6.9
Aug	6.3	4.2	5.7	5.4	7.4	8.3	9.2	7.0	8.7	15.2	7.1
Sep	5.1	3.7	5.5	4.4	6.1	7.6	8.5	7.8	8.3	13.2	6.2
Oct	4.6	3.8	4.7	4.1	5.9	7.7	9.7	7.7	9.1	13.9	6.1
Nov	4.5	4.0	4.8	3.8	5.5	7.9	8.6	8.1	10.6	14.7	6.0
Dec	4.4	4.0	4.9	4.2	5.6	8.3	9.1	8.0	12.1	15.8	6.1
2006 Jan	5.8	4.0	5.9	4.8	6.6	9.6	9.8	9.0	14.3	18.8	7.2
Feb	5.2	3.2	5.8	4.7	6.3	8.9	10.6	9.5	14.0	16.7	6.7
Mar	4.5	3.3	5.6	4.5	6.5	9.0	10.2	9.0	15.4	17.4	6.7
Apr	4.6	3.6	5.2	4.9	6.1	8.7	10.7	8.8	14.6	18.9	6.6
May	4.9	3.4	4.4	3.6	6.1	7.6	9.0	8.0	8.8	15.9	6.1
Jun	3.9	3.2	4.1	3.0	5.8	7.2	7.1	7.4	7.0	13.1	5.6
Jul											
Aug											
Sep											
Oct											
Nov											
Dec											
Average:											
Jan-Jun05	6.5	4.0	5.1	5.1	6.9	8.6	10.4	9.2	12.1	16.4	7.1
Jan-Jun06	4.8	3.5	5.2	4.3	6.2	8.5	9.6	8.6	12.4	16.8	6.5



	Seasonally Adjusted										
	BC	Alta	Sask	Man	Ont	Que	NB	NS	PEI	Nfld	CAN
2005 Jan	6.5	4.3	4.8	5.1	6.7	8.5	9.8	8.6	10.5	14.6	7.0
Feb	7.0	4.0	4.9	4.9	6.8	8.2	9.3	9.8	10.3	15.4	7.0
Mar	6.5	3.6	5.1	5.2	6.8	8.3	9.5	8.4	10.3	15.0	6.9
Apr	6.1	4.1	5.0	4.9	6.7	8.0	9.3	8.4	10.6	16.1	6.8
May	5.9	3.6	4.6	5.1	6.8	8.6	8.9	7.8	10.8	15.3	6.9
Jun	5.8	3.9	4.9	4.8	6.7	8.1	9.9	8.8	11.9	14.0	6.8
Jul	6.1	3.6	4.8	4.7	6.7	8.3	9.8	8.0	11.1	14.5	6.8
Aug	5.7	3.9	5.3	4.6	6.7	8.3	9.7	7.5	11.3	16.6	6.8
Sep	5.6	4.1	6.0	4.8	6.3	8.3	10.6	8.6	11.4	15.5	6.7
Oct	5.1	4.0	5.2	4.5	6.4	8.3	10.9	8.6	11.2	15.2	6.6
Nov	4.9	4.2	5.2	4.1	6.1	8.0	9.4	8.3	10.7	14.8	6.4
Dec	5.1	4.2	5.3	4.2	6.2	8.2	9.6	8.5	11.1	15.4	6.5
2006 Jan	5.1	3.5	5.2	4.3	6.5	8.4	8.9	7.8	10.8	16.5	6.6
Feb	4.8	3.1	5.3	4.4	6.2	8.2	9.4	8.4	10.9	15.1	6.4
Mar	4.4	3.4	5.3	4.2	6.1	8.5	9.2	7.8	12.0	15.7	6.3
Apr	4.5	3.5	4.8	4.7	6.2	8.3	9.1	8.1	10.5	15.9	6.4
May	4.7	3.4	4.9	4.2	5.9	7.9	8.6	8.0	10.1	14.8	6.1
Jun	4.3	3.5	4.9	3.6	5.9	8.0	8.0	8.2	10.5	14.8	6.1
Jul											
Aug											
Sep											
Oct											
Nov											
Dec											
Average:											
Jan-Jun05	6.3	3.9	4.9	5.0	6.8	8.3	9.5	8.6	10.7	15.1	6.9
Jan-Jun06	4.6	3.4	5.1	4.2	6.1	8.2	8.9	8.1	10.8	15.5	6.3

Produced by: BC STATS

Source: Statistics Canada

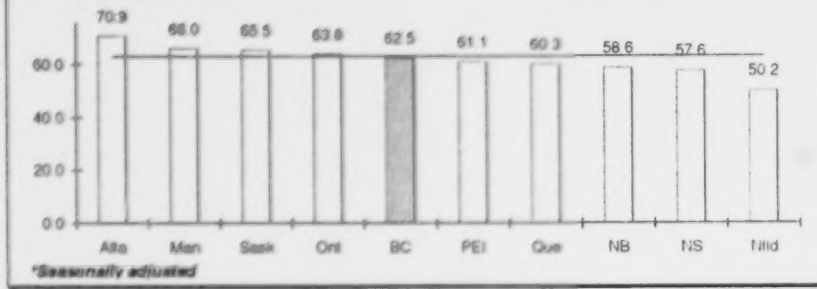
4b Provincial Employment Rates (%)

Actual

	BC	Alta	Sask	Man	Ont	Que	NB	NS	PEI	Nfld	CAN
1996	60.0	67.3	61.0	61.6	59.7	54.6	51.8	52.0	56.4	42.3	58.4
1997	60.0	67.8	62.2	62.3	60.2	55.0	52.1	52.5	55.9	42.9	58.9
1998	59.2	66.5	62.7	63.2	61.2	56.1	53.1	54.1	56.4	44.4	59.7
1999	59.7	66.5	62.8	63.7	62.3	56.9	54.6	55.0	56.6	46.6	60.6
2000	60.2	66.6	63.3	64.5	63.2	57.8	55.4	55.7	56.7	46.1	61.3
2001	59.0	69.0	61.8	64.4	63.0	57.9	55.0	55.9	59.0	47.7	61.1
2002	59.6	69.1	63.1	65.5	62.9	59.5	57.0	56.6	59.5	48.5	61.7
2003	60.3	69.8	64.0	65.3	63.8	60.0	56.7	57.3	60.2	49.5	62.4
2004	60.9	70.1	64.3	65.4	63.8	60.2	57.6	58.4	60.3	49.8	62.7
2005	61.8	69.8	64.6	65.3	63.5	60.1	57.4	58.2	61.1	49.8	62.7

Employment Rates*(%), June 2006

Line represents Canada at 63.1%



*Seasonally adjusted

Seasonally Adjusted

	BC	Alta	Sask	Man	Ont	Que	NB	NS	PEI	Nfld	CAN
2005 Jan	60.2	68.8	63.3	64.1	62.3	58.5	54.7	56.2	56.5	46.3	61.2
Feb	60.5	69.0	63.7	64.7	62.6	58.9	54.8	56.0	56.9	45.8	61.5
Mar	60.7	69.2	64.1	64.2	62.4	58.8	54.7	56.3	57.2	46.8	61.4
Apr	60.9	69.0	63.6	64.3	63.0	59.1	55.2	57.1	57.0	46.5	61.8
May	62.2	70.7	66.1	66.1	64.3	59.9	59.0	59.8	63.3	49.9	63.2
Jun	62.7	71.1	66.5	66.3	64.6	61.4	59.7	60.2	65.7	54.2	63.9
Jul	62.7	71.0	66.4	66.2	64.4	62.1	60.3	60.3	66.2	56.4	64.0
Aug	62.7	70.7	65.7	66.0	64.4	61.6	60.2	60.5	66.2	52.7	63.8
Sep	61.9	69.6	64.1	65.4	63.5	60.7	58.4	58.2	63.5	51.6	62.8
Oct	62.3	69.6	64.1	65.5	63.9	60.6	57.4	58.7	62.3	50.3	63.0
Nov	62.4	69.6	64.0	65.5	63.7	60.1	57.5	57.9	60.1	49.8	62.8
Dec	62.3	69.5	63.4	65.4	63.3	59.8	57.2	57.7	58.8	47.4	62.4
2006 Jan	60.9	68.6	63.0	64.5	62.3	58.5	56.1	55.8	56.3	45.2	61.3
Feb	61.4	69.6	63.1	64.9	62.3	58.9	56.0	55.6	56.8	46.6	61.6
Mar	62.0	69.9	63.5	64.5	62.4	59.0	56.2	56.2	56.4	46.3	61.8
Apr	62.0	69.6	64.3	65.3	63.0	58.9	56.5	57.2	57.9	47.3	62.1
May	62.9	72.1	66.5	66.9	64.5	60.7	59.7	59.3	64.9	51.4	63.8
Jun	63.4	72.4	67.5	67.1	64.8	61.8	61.1	59.5	66.2	54.0	64.4
Jul											
Aug											
Sep											
Oct											
Nov											
Dec											
Average:											
Jan-Jun05	61.2	69.6	64.6	65.0	63.2	59.4	56.4	57.6	59.4	48.3	62.2
Jan-Jun06	62.1	70.4	64.7	65.5	63.2	59.6	57.6	57.3	59.8	48.5	62.5

	BC	Alta	Sask	Man	Ont	Que	NB	NS	PEI	Nfld	CAN
2005 Jan	61.5	70.0	65.1	65.5	63.4	60.3	57.4	58.6	61.8	50.1	62.6
Feb	61.4	70.0	65.2	65.8	63.4	60.2	57.6	58.3	61.8	49.6	62.6
Mar	61.4	70.0	65.3	64.9	63.4	60.0	57.4	58.2	61.5	50.2	62.6
Apr	61.7	70.0	64.8	64.9	63.6	59.9	57.6	58.5	61.2	49.4	62.6
May	61.9	70.0	64.9	65.3	63.8	59.4	58.2	58.9	60.9	49.3	62.7
Jun	61.7	69.7	64.7	65.2	63.7	60.0	57.0	58.3	60.3	50.2	62.6
Jul	61.7	69.9	64.7	65.4	63.5	60.2	57.3	58.1	61.0	50.4	62.7
Aug	61.8	69.7	64.3	65.2	63.4	60.4	57.2	58.3	60.6	49.3	62.7
Sep	61.6	69.5	63.9	65.1	63.5	60.2	56.9	57.6	61.0	49.9	62.6
Oct	62.0	69.7	63.9	65.2	63.7	60.3	56.8	58.2	61.0	49.9	62.7
Nov	62.4	69.6	64.3	65.6	63.6	60.3	57.6	58.1	61.4	50.6	62.8
Dec	62.3	69.6	64.1	65.6	63.4	60.4	58.1	57.9	61.3	49.1	62.7
2006 Jan	62.2	69.7	64.6	65.9	63.4	60.2	58.7	58.1	61.4	48.8	62.7
Feb	62.4	70.5	64.5	65.8	63.2	60.2	58.8	57.9	61.6	50.2	62.8
Mar	62.7	70.6	64.7	65.5	63.5	60.2	58.8	58.2	60.6	49.4	62.9
Apr	62.7	70.5	65.3	65.9	63.6	59.8	58.9	58.5	62.1	50.1	62.9
May	62.6	71.4	65.2	66.0	63.9	60.2	58.9	58.3	62.3	50.5	63.2
Jun	62.5	70.9	65.5	66.0	63.8	60.3	58.6	57.6	61.1	50.2	63.1
Jul											
Aug											
Sep											
Oct											
Nov											
Dec											
Average:											
Jan-Jun05	61.6	70.0	65.0	65.3	63.6	60.0	57.5	58.5	61.3	49.8	62.6
Jan-Jun06	62.5	70.6	65.0	65.9	63.6	60.2	58.8	58.1	61.5	49.9	62.9

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Source: Statistics Canada

5a BC Employment and Unemployment by Age and Gender, Actual

	Men								Women								Total							
	Employed ('000)				Unemployed ('000)				Employed ('000)				Unemployed ('000)				Employed ('000)				Unemployed ('000)			
	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages
1996	139.4	533.8	306.8	996.1	26.0	48.8	20.7	96.4	131.6	450.7	231.1	820.3	18.9	40.3	16.0	75.6	271.0	984.5	537.9	1,816.4	44.9	89.1	36.7	172.0
1997	137.5	536.4	318.4	1,007.4	27.8	47.1	20.3	96.0	133.0	461.9	249.3	853.0	20.7	36.1	16.9	74.1	270.6	998.3	567.6	1,860.5	48.6	83.1	37.2	170.1
1998	132.1	525.8	316.7	994.0	31.5	50.8	24.2	107.4	126.6	460.5	266.9	864.4	23.1	35.2	13.9	72.5	258.8	986.3	583.6	1,858.4	54.6	86.0	38.2	179.9
1999	138.2	521.0	333.8	1,011.5	26.5	48.5	22.8	98.8	134.8	461.3	278.2	882.9	19.1	35.9	16.4	71.6	273.0	982.3	611.9	1,894.4	45.6	84.4	39.2	170.4
2000	141.0	522.6	350.4	1,031.3	25.7	37.1	20.6	83.8	138.2	458.2	295.8	900.0	18.5	31.2	15.0	64.8	279.2	980.8	646.2	1,931.3	44.2	68.3	35.6	148.6
2001	140.9	509.8	354.1	1,020.1	27.1	44.5	23.0	95.6	138.2	452.8	301.3	901.4	18.0	32.1	14.9	65.5	279.1	962.5	655.4	1,921.6	45.1	76.6	37.9	161.1
2002	147.8	503.2	365.8	1,037.7	30.2	45.8	26.9	104.1	145.8	452.5	318.1	927.3	22.0	37.4	18.4	78.5	293.6	955.8	683.9	1,965.0	52.2	83.2	45.3	182.6
2003	149.3	502.2	389.7	1,065.8	28.5	39.2	27.0	95.5	149.7	454.6	333.3	948.9	21.8	36.4	21.6	80.5	299.0	956.8	723.0	2,014.7	50.3	75.6	48.5	176.0
2004	153.8	508.2	403.8	1,091.2	25.9	34.4	24.1	85.4	154.0	463.7	342.6	971.5	21.9	30.5	20.8	73.7	307.8	971.9	746.4	2,062.7	47.8	64.9	44.8	159.2
2005	166.5	513.1	424.4	1,130.5	20.3	27.1	21.4	69.8	165.7	457.3	360.8	1,000.0	17.1	26.0	19.5	63.1	332.1	970.4	785.3	2,130.5	37.4	53.1	40.9	132.9
2005 Jan	140.8	506.2	412.8	1,088.3	27.6	37.3	21.2	87.3	153.0	449.5	356.8	969.7	17.5	32.5	21.2	71.4	293.8	955.7	769.6	2,058.0	45.1	69.8	42.4	158.8
Feb	147.6	507.1	412.4	1,092.1	26.4	38.7	27.3	93.1	155.4	443.2	363.4	977.7	19.3	32.8	25.6	78.3	303.0	950.3	775.8	2,069.8	45.7	71.5	52.9	171.4
Mar	146.0	512.2	414.2	1,097.1	23.6	34.5	23.4	82.6	155.9	445.0	367.2	983.5	16.2	31.5	18.7	66.4	301.9	957.2	781.4	2,080.6	39.8	66.0	42.1	149.0
Apr	148.6	508.8	418.4	1,104.2	22.2	27.7	24.6	75.6	151.6	449.3	371.3	988.2	16.3	26.7	18.0	63.1	300.2	958.1	789.7	2,092.4	38.5	56.5	42.6	138.7
May	169.0	516.6	423.7	1,138.7	19.5	26.0	20.9	67.2	165.6	456.2	359.6	999.7	25.8	24.9	18.8	69.4	334.6	972.8	783.2	2,138.3	45.3	50.9	39.7	136.6
Jun	175.2	520.4	424.7	1,150.1	20.9	22.8	20.2	64.7	173.8	458.0	360.8	1,009.1	18.5	26.8	15.4	60.7	349.0	978.4	785.5	2,159.2	39.4	49.6	35.6	125.5
Jul	190.0	516.5	422.2	1,157.6	27.2	23.5	24.3	75.8	180.0	457.3	348.0	1,003.8	24.2	24.9	20.4	69.9	370.0	973.7	770.2	2,161.4	51.4	48.4	44.7	145.7
Aug	184.9	517.8	423.9	1,153.6	22.3	25.8	23.0	71.2	181.8	457.9	353.7	1,013.2	19.0	29.0	26.8	75.1	366.7	975.7	777.6	2,166.7	41.3	54.8	49.7	146.4
Sep	171.3	511.2	434.1	1,141.3	16.2	21.1	20.7	58.3	158.9	460.9	363.4	1,001.4	14.7	22.4	20.5	58.1	330.2	972.1	797.5	2,142.7	30.9	43.5	41.3	116.3
Oct	175.0	508.3	439.5	1,147.8	15.5	22.5	16.8	55.9	168.5	467.5	360.6	1,013.1	12.8	19.2	15.0	48.1	343.4	975.7	800.1	2,160.9	28.3	41.7	31.8	104.0
Nov	173.7	513.8	437.3	1,148.9	10.7	21.6	16.8	51.8	171.5	466.6	365.9	1,019.1	9.7	23.8	17.0	51.4	345.2	980.5	803.2	2,168.0	20.4	45.5	33.8	103.2
Dec	175.8	518.6	429.9	1,146.7	11.6	23.3	17.9	54.2	171.8	476.3	359.4	1,021.9	11.0	15.8	16.8	44.9	347.6	994.9	789.3	2,168.6	22.6	39.1	34.7	99.0
2006 Jan	160.3	506.2	423.3	1,113.1	17.1	30.2	19.0	68.5	165.5	467.7	361.1	1,009.4	12.2	27.1	21.2	61.5	325.8	973.9	784.5	2,122.5	29.4	57.2	40.1	130.0
Feb	166.0	510.4	427.7	1,130.3	16.9	23.7	20.4	63.5	169.8	460.2	364.5	1,011.4	11.9	26.1	16.4	55.0	335.9	970.6	792.1	2,141.7	28.8	49.9	36.8	118.5
Mar	168.8	513.4	432.6	1,143.4	14.8	22.0	15.0	53.4	169.8	461.1	372.0	1,021.5	11.3	23.4	14.0	49.5	338.6	974.5	804.5	2,164.9	26.1	45.4	29.0	102.9
Apr	170.3	512.1	432.4	1,142.2	12.1	21.3	13.7	47.8	168.8	469.7	372.8	1,026.9	17.0	23.1	15.3	56.2	339.1	981.7	805.2	2,169.1	29.1	44.4	29.0	104.0
May	176.1	522.0	434.2	1,162.0	20.4	22.5	14.9	58.7	178.2	472.4	373.9	1,040.6	16.7	23.2	14.0	54.4	354.3	994.4	808.1	2,202.6	37.1	45.7	28.9	113.1
Jun	176.5	526.0	443.1	1,173.4	17.4	16.0	13.6	47.9	189.6	468.6	376.2	1,052.9	11.3	17.7	13.4	42.9	366.1	994.5	821.3	2,226.3	28.7	33.7	27.0	90.9
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Average:																								
Jan-Jun05	154.5	511.9	417.7	1,111.8	23.4	31.2	22.9	78.4	159.2	450.2	363.2	988.0	18.9	29.5	19.6	68.2	313.8	962.1	780.9	2,099.7	42.3	60.7	42.6	146.7
Jan-Jun06	169.7	515.0	432.2	1,144.1	16.5	22.6	16.1	56.6	173.6	466.6	370.4	1,027.1	13.4	23.4	15.7	53.3	343.3	981.6	802.6	2,171.2	29.9	46.1	31.8	109.9
% Change	9.8	0.6	3.5	2.9	-29.6	-27.4	-29.8	-27.8	9.0	3.6	2.0	4.0	-29.2	-20.7	-19.9	-21.9	9.4	2.0	2.8	3.4	-29.4	-24.2	-25.3	-25.1

NOTE: due to relatively small sample sizes from which disaggregated data are derived, caution should be used in the interpretation of month-to-month changes in the estimates.

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Source: Statistics Canada

5b BC Participation Rates and Unemployment Rates by Age and Gender, Actual

	Men								Women								Total							
	Participation Rate (%)				Unemployment Rate (%)				Participation Rate (%)				Unemployment Rate (%)				Participation Rate (%)				Unemployment Rate (%)			
	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages
1996	65.3	92.3	79.5	72.9	15.7	8.4	6.3	8.8	62.2	78.3	60.4	58.5	12.6	8.2	6.5	8.4	63.8	85.3	70.0	65.6	14.2	8.3	6.4	8.7
1997	63.7	91.9	79.2	72.1	16.8	8.1	6.0	8.7	61.6	78.3	62.5	59.1	13.5	7.2	6.3	8.0	62.6	85.1	70.8	65.5	15.2	7.7	6.1	8.4
1998	62.3	91.5	76.9	71.1	19.3	8.8	7.1	9.8	59.5	78.1	63.5	58.9	15.4	7.1	5.0	7.7	60.9	84.8	70.2	64.9	17.4	8.0	6.1	8.8
1999	62.0	91.4	77.8	71.0	16.1	8.5	6.4	8.9	60.5	78.9	64.2	59.3	12.4	7.2	5.6	7.5	61.3	85.1	71.0	65.1	14.3	7.9	6.0	8.3
2000	61.9	90.8	78.3	70.5	15.4	6.6	5.6	7.5	60.9	78.2	65.3	59.3	11.8	6.4	4.8	6.7	61.4	84.4	71.8	64.8	13.7	6.5	5.2	7.1
2001	61.2	90.6	77.1	69.5	16.1	8.0	6.1	8.6	59.7	77.9	64.0	58.6	11.5	6.6	4.7	6.8	60.5	84.2	70.5	64.0	13.9	7.4	5.5	7.7
2002	63.8	90.6	77.6	70.3	17.0	8.3	6.9	9.1	62.9	79.4	65.6	60.1	13.1	7.6	5.5	7.8	63.4	84.9	71.5	65.1	15.1	8.0	6.2	8.5
2003	63.0	90.4	79.6	70.7	16.0	7.2	6.5	8.2	63.2	80.5	66.7	60.7	12.7	7.4	6.1	7.8	63.1	85.4	73.1	65.6	14.4	7.3	6.3	8.0
2004	62.8	91.2	79.1	70.6	14.4	6.3	5.6	7.3	63.9	81.5	65.9	60.7	12.5	6.2	5.7	7.1	63.3	86.3	72.4	65.5	13.4	6.3	5.7	7.2
2005	64.2	90.9	79.9	70.8	10.9	5.0	4.8	5.8	65.5	79.7	66.6	60.7	9.4	5.4	5.1	5.9	64.8	85.3	73.2	65.6	10.1	5.2	5.0	5.9
2005 Jan	58.4	91.6	78.9	69.9	16.4	6.9	4.9	7.4	61.5	79.6	67.2	59.9	10.3	6.7	5.6	6.9	59.9	85.6	73.0	64.9	13.3	6.8	5.2	7.2
Feb	60.2	92.0	79.7	70.4	15.2	7.1	6.2	7.9	63.0	78.7	69.0	60.7	11.0	6.9	6.6	7.4	61.5	85.3	74.3	65.5	13.1	7.0	6.4	7.6
Mar	58.6	92.1	79.1	70.0	13.9	6.3	5.3	7.0	61.9	78.7	68.2	60.2	9.4	6.6	4.8	6.3	60.2	85.3	73.6	65.0	11.6	6.5	5.1	6.7
Apr	58.9	90.4	79.9	69.9	13.0	5.2	5.6	6.4	60.4	78.9	68.7	60.2	9.7	6.0	4.6	6.0	59.6	84.6	74.2	65.0	11.4	5.6	5.1	6.2
May	65.0	91.4	79.9	71.3	10.3	4.8	4.7	5.6	68.8	79.4	66.5	61.2	13.5	5.2	5.0	6.5	66.8	85.3	73.2	66.1	11.9	5.0	4.8	6.0
Jun	67.5	91.5	79.8	71.7	10.7	4.2	4.5	5.3	69.0	80.0	66.0	61.1	9.6	5.5	4.1	5.7	68.2	85.7	72.8	66.3	10.1	4.8	4.3	5.5
Jul	74.6	90.9	79.9	72.7	12.5	4.4	5.4	6.1	73.2	79.5	64.4	61.3	11.8	5.2	5.5	6.5	73.9	85.1	72.1	66.9	12.2	4.7	5.5	6.3
Aug	71.0	91.5	79.7	72.1	10.8	4.7	5.1	5.8	71.8	80.3	66.3	62.0	9.5	6.0	7.0	6.9	71.4	85.8	72.9	66.9	10.1	5.3	6.0	6.3
Sep	64.1	89.6	80.9	70.4	8.6	4.0	4.6	4.9	62.0	79.7	66.8	60.2	8.5	4.6	5.3	5.5	63.1	84.6	73.7	65.2	8.6	4.3	4.9	5.1
Oct	65.0	89.3	81.0	70.6	8.1	4.2	3.7	4.6	64.6	80.2	65.1	60.2	7.1	3.9	4.0	4.5	64.8	84.7	73.0	65.3	7.6	4.1	3.8	4.6
Nov	62.9	90.0	80.4	70.3	5.8	4.0	3.7	4.3	64.5	80.8	66.2	60.7	5.4	4.9	4.4	4.8	63.7	85.3	73.2	65.4	5.6	4.4	4.0	4.5
Dec	63.8	91.0	79.1	70.2	6.2	4.3	4.0	4.5	65.1	81.0	64.9	60.4	6.0	3.2	4.5	4.2	64.4	86.0	71.9	65.2	6.1	3.8	4.2	4.4
2006 Jan	60.4	90.1	77.8	68.9	9.6	5.6	4.3	5.8	63.2	81.5	65.7	60.5	6.9	5.5	5.5	5.7	61.8	85.7	71.7	64.7	8.3	5.5	4.9	5.8
Feb	62.3	89.7	78.7	69.6	9.2	4.4	4.6	5.3	64.6	80.1	65.3	60.2	6.5	5.4	4.3	5.2	63.4	84.8	71.9	64.8	7.9	4.9	4.4	5.2
Mar	62.5	89.8	78.4	69.6	8.1	4.1	3.4	4.5	64.4	79.8	66.1	60.4	6.2	4.8	3.6	4.6	63.4	84.7	72.2	64.9	7.2	4.5	3.5	4.5
Apr	62.1	89.4	77.9	69.1	6.6	4.0	3.1	4.0	66.0	81.0	66.3	61.0	9.1	4.7	3.9	5.2	64.0	85.2	72.0	65.0	7.9	4.3	3.5	4.6
May	66.8	91.2	78.2	70.8	10.4	4.1	3.3	4.8	69.2	81.5	66.0	61.5	8.6	4.7	3.6	5.0	68.0	86.3	72.1	66.1	9.5	4.4	3.5	4.9
Jun	65.9	90.7	79.4	70.7	9.0	3.0	3.0	3.9	71.3	79.9	66.5	61.5	5.6	3.6	3.4	3.9	68.5	85.2	72.9	66.0	7.3	3.3	3.2	3.9
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Jan-Jun05	61.4	91.5	79.6	70.5	13.3	5.8	5.2	6.6	64.1	79.2	67.6	60.6	10.6	6.2	5.1	6.5	62.7	85.3	73.5	65.5	11.9	6.0	5.2	6.5
Jan-Jun06	63.3	90.2	78.4	69.8	8.8	4.2	3.6	4.7	66.5	80.6	66.0	60.9	7.2	4.8	4.1	4.9	64.9	85.3	72.1	65.3	8.0	4.5	3.8	4.8

NOTE: due to relatively small sample sizes from which disaggregated data are derived, caution should be used in the interpretation of month-to-month changes in the estimates.

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Source: Statistics Canada

5c Employment and Unemployment by Age and Gender, Seasonally Adjusted

	Men						Women						Total					
	Employed ('000)			Unemployed ('000)			Employed ('000)			Unemployed ('000)			Employed ('000)			Unemployed ('000)		
	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages
1996	139.4	856.8	996.1	26.0	70.4	96.4	131.6	688.7	820.3	18.9	56.7	75.6	271.0	1,545.4	1,816.4	44.9	127.1	172.0
1997	137.5	869.9	1,007.4	27.8	68.2	96.0	133.0	720.0	853.0	20.7	53.3	74.1	270.6	1,589.9	1,860.5	48.6	121.5	170.1
1998	132.1	861.9	994.0	31.5	76.0	107.4	126.6	737.8	864.4	23.1	49.4	72.5	258.8	1,599.6	1,858.4	54.6	125.3	179.9
1999	138.2	873.3	1,011.5	26.5	72.3	98.8	134.8	748.1	882.9	19.1	52.5	71.6	273.0	1,621.4	1,894.4	45.6	124.9	170.4
2000	141.0	890.3	1,031.3	25.7	58.1	83.8	138.2	761.7	900.0	18.5	46.3	64.8	279.2	1,652.1	1,931.3	44.2	104.4	148.6
2001	140.9	879.2	1,020.1	27.1	68.5	95.6	138.2	763.3	901.4	18.0	47.5	65.5	279.1	1,642.5	1,921.6	45.1	116.0	161.1
2002	147.8	889.9	1,037.7	30.2	74.0	104.1	145.8	781.5	927.3	22.0	56.5	78.5	293.6	1,671.4	1,965.0	52.2	130.4	182.6
2003	149.3	916.5	1,065.8	28.5	67.1	95.5	149.7	799.2	948.9	21.8	58.7	80.5	299.0	1,715.7	2,014.7	50.3	125.7	176.0
2004	153.8	937.4	1,091.2	25.9	59.5	85.4	154.0	817.5	971.5	21.9	51.8	73.7	307.8	1,754.9	2,062.7	47.8	111.3	159.2
2005	166.5	964.0	1,130.5	20.3	49.5	69.8	165.7	834.4	1,000.0	17.1	46.0	63.1	332.1	1,798.4	2,130.5	37.4	95.5	132.9
2005 Jan	152.7	965.3	1,118.1	25.6	52.7	78.4	159.7	824.6	984.3	17.1	51.1	68.2	312.4	1,790.0	2,102.4	42.7	103.8	146.5
Feb	157.7	957.2	1,114.9	24.8	57.4	82.2	161.0	827.2	988.2	20.8	55.6	76.4	318.7	1,784.4	2,103.1	45.6	113.0	158.5
Mar	154.5	960.9	1,115.4	23.8	53.1	76.9	162.3	826.8	989.1	18.9	50.6	69.5	316.8	1,787.7	2,104.5	42.7	103.7	146.4
Apr	156.3	965.4	1,121.7	23.7	48.4	72.1	159.4	835.8	995.3	16.8	48.3	65.1	315.7	1,801.2	2,116.9	40.5	96.6	137.1
May	167.2	966.2	1,133.4	17.8	47.3	65.1	161.9	835.4	997.3	23.5	44.4	67.9	329.1	1,801.6	2,130.7	41.3	91.7	133.0
Jun	165.8	963.6	1,129.3	21.9	45.9	67.7	167.9	826.6	994.5	18.1	45.8	63.9	333.7	1,790.2	2,123.8	39.9	91.7	131.6
Jul	169.8	958.8	1,128.6	21.5	52.8	74.3	167.1	833.1	1,000.2	18.0	45.7	63.7	336.9	1,791.9	2,128.8	39.5	98.5	138.0
Aug	167.3	959.7	1,127.0	20.1	48.2	68.3	169.3	840.6	1,010.0	15.4	46.0	61.4	336.6	1,800.3	2,137.0	35.5	94.2	129.7
Sep	174.8	957.4	1,132.2	17.2	50.8	68.0	163.9	836.3	1,000.1	14.4	44.7	59.2	338.7	1,793.7	2,132.4	31.6	95.6	127.2
Oct	176.4	963.4	1,139.8	17.7	48.3	66.0	171.5	837.4	1,008.9	13.4	36.3	49.7	348.0	1,800.7	2,148.7	31.1	84.6	115.7
Nov	176.4	974.0	1,150.4	12.8	44.1	57.0	172.5	846.1	1,018.6	12.1	42.3	54.4	348.9	1,820.1	2,169.0	24.9	86.4	111.4
Dec	177.3	976.7	1,154.0	14.2	44.7	59.0	170.6	842.5	1,013.1	16.3	40.6	56.8	347.9	1,819.1	2,167.1	30.5	85.3	115.8
2006 Jan	173.8	971.4	1,145.2	15.8	44.1	59.9	172.0	849.7	1,021.7	12.8	45.0	57.7	345.8	1,821.1	2,166.9	28.5	89.1	117.6
Feb	176.5	978.0	1,154.5	15.5	39.1	54.6	174.7	846.7	1,021.5	13.2	41.3	54.6	351.3	1,824.7	2,175.9	28.7	80.4	109.2
Mar	178.5	983.8	1,162.3	15.0	34.1	49.1	175.6	851.1	1,026.7	13.9	38.8	52.7	354.1	1,834.9	2,189.0	28.9	72.9	101.8
Apr	179.6	981.3	1,161.0	13.3	32.6	45.9	176.9	854.9	1,031.9	16.6	40.4	57.0	356.6	1,836.3	2,192.8	29.9	73.0	102.9
May	175.6	981.5	1,157.1	17.3	38.2	55.5	174.9	861.7	1,036.5	14.5	38.4	52.9	350.5	1,843.1	2,193.6	31.8	76.6	108.4
Jun	168.4	984.3	1,152.7	17.1	33.4	50.5	181.4	857.8	1,039.1	11.8	35.0	46.8	349.8	1,842.1	2,191.8	28.9	68.4	97.3
Jul																		
Aug																		
Sep																		
Oct																		
Nov																		
Dec																		
Average:																		
Jan-Jun05	159.0	963.1	1,122.1	22.9	50.8	73.7	162.0	829.4	991.5	19.2	49.3	68.5	321.1	1,792.5	2,113.6	42.1	100.1	142.2
Jan-Jun06	175.4	980.1	1,155.5	15.7	36.9	52.6	175.9	853.7	1,029.6	13.8	39.8	53.6	351.4	1,833.7	2,185.0	29.5	76.7	106.2
% Change	10.3	1.8	3.0	-31.7	-27.3	-28.7	8.6	2.9	3.8	-28.1	-19.2	-21.7	9.4	2.3	3.4	-30.1	-23.3	-25.3

NOTE: due to relatively small sample sizes from which disaggregated data are derived, caution should be used in the interpretation of month-to-month changes in the estimates.

Produced by: BC STATS

Source: Statistics Canada

5d BC Participation, Unemployment and Employment Rates by Age and Gender, Seasonally Adjusted

	Men									Women									Total								
	Part Rate (%)			Unempl Rate (%)			Empl Rate (%)			Part Rate (%)			Unempl Rate (%)			Empl Rate (%)			Part Rate (%)			Unempl Rate (%)			Empl Rate (%)		
	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages
1996	65.3	74.5	72.9	15.7	7.6	8.8	55.1	68.8	66.5	62.2	57.8	58.5	12.6	7.6	8.4	54.4	53.4	53.6	63.8	66.0	65.6	14.2	7.6	8.7	54.7	61.0	60.0
1997	63.7	73.9	72.1	16.8	7.3	8.7	52.9	68.5	65.8	61.6	58.6	59.1	13.5	6.9	8.0	53.3	54.6	54.4	62.6	66.1	65.5	15.2	7.1	8.4	53.1	61.4	60.0
1998	62.3	72.9	71.1	19.3	8.1	9.8	50.3	67.0	64.2	59.5	58.8	58.9	15.4	6.3	7.7	50.3	55.1	54.4	60.9	65.7	64.9	17.4	7.3	8.8	50.3	60.9	59.2
1999	62.0	72.8	71.0	16.1	7.6	8.9	52.0	67.2	64.6	60.5	59.1	59.3	12.4	6.6	7.5	53.0	55.2	54.9	61.3	65.8	65.1	14.3	7.2	8.3	52.5	61.1	59.7
2000	61.9	72.2	70.5	15.4	6.1	7.5	52.3	67.8	65.2	60.9	58.9	59.3	11.8	5.7	6.7	53.7	55.6	55.3	61.4	65.4	64.8	13.7	5.9	7.1	53.0	61.6	60.2
2001	61.2	71.3	69.5	16.1	7.2	8.6	51.3	66.1	63.6	59.7	58.3	58.6	11.5	5.9	6.8	52.8	54.9	54.6	60.5	64.7	64.0	13.9	6.6	7.7	52.1	60.4	59.0
2002	63.8	71.6	70.3	17.0	7.7	9.1	53.0	66.1	63.9	62.9	59.5	60.1	13.1	6.7	7.8	54.7	55.5	55.4	63.4	65.4	65.1	15.1	7.2	8.5	53.8	60.7	59.6
2003	63.0	72.2	70.7	16.0	6.8	8.2	52.9	67.3	64.8	63.2	60.2	60.7	12.7	6.8	7.8	55.2	56.1	55.9	63.1	66.1	65.6	14.4	6.8	8.0	54.0	61.6	60.3
2004	62.8	72.2	70.6	14.4	6.0	7.3	53.7	67.9	65.5	63.9	60.0	60.7	12.5	6.0	7.1	56.0	56.5	56.4	63.3	66.0	65.5	13.4	6.0	7.2	54.8	62.0	60.9
2005	64.2	72.1	70.8	10.9	4.9	5.8	57.2	68.6	66.7	65.5	59.8	60.7	9.4	5.2	5.9	59.4	56.6	57.1	64.8	65.8	65.6	10.1	5.0	5.9	58.2	62.5	61.8
2005 Jan	61.8	73.1	71.2	14.3	5.2	6.6	52.9	69.3	66.5	63.8	60.0	60.6	9.7	5.8	6.5	57.6	56.5	56.7	62.8	66.4	65.8	12.0	5.5	6.5	55.2	62.8	61.5
Feb	63.2	72.8	71.1	13.6	5.7	6.9	54.6	68.7	66.2	65.5	60.4	61.2	11.4	6.3	7.2	58.0	56.6	56.8	64.3	66.4	66.1	12.5	6.0	7.0	56.3	62.5	61.4
Mar	61.6	72.6	70.7	13.4	5.2	6.4	53.4	68.8	66.1	65.2	59.9	60.7	10.4	5.8	6.6	58.4	56.4	56.8	63.3	66.1	65.6	11.9	5.5	6.5	55.8	62.5	61.4
Apr	62.1	72.5	70.7	13.2	4.8	6.0	53.9	69.0	66.4	63.4	60.3	60.8	9.5	5.5	6.1	57.3	57.0	57.0	62.7	66.2	65.7	11.4	5.1	6.1	55.6	62.9	61.7
May	63.7	72.3	70.9	9.6	4.7	5.4	57.6	69.0	67.0	66.6	59.9	60.9	12.7	5.0	6.4	58.2	56.8	57.1	65.1	66.0	65.8	11.2	4.8	5.9	57.9	62.8	61.9
Jun	64.5	71.9	70.7	11.7	4.5	5.7	57.0	68.7	66.7	66.7	59.3	60.5	9.7	5.2	6.0	60.2	56.2	56.8	65.6	65.5	65.5	10.7	4.9	5.8	58.6	62.3	61.7
Jul	65.7	72.0	70.9	11.2	5.2	6.2	58.3	68.2	66.5	66.3	59.6	60.7	9.7	5.2	6.0	59.9	56.5	57.1	66.0	65.6	65.7	10.5	5.2	6.1	59.1	62.2	61.7
Aug	64.2	71.6	70.3	10.7	4.8	5.7	57.4	68.2	66.3	66.1	60.0	61.0	8.3	5.2	5.7	60.6	56.9	57.5	65.1	65.7	65.6	9.5	5.0	5.7	58.9	62.4	61.8
Sep	65.7	71.5	70.5	9.0	5.0	5.7	59.8	67.9	66.5	63.7	59.6	60.2	8.1	5.1	5.6	58.5	56.5	56.9	64.7	65.4	65.3	8.5	5.1	5.6	59.2	62.1	61.6
Oct	66.2	71.6	70.7	9.1	4.8	5.5	60.2	68.2	66.8	65.9	59.0	60.1	7.2	4.2	4.7	61.1	56.5	57.3	66.1	65.1	65.3	8.2	4.5	5.1	60.7	62.2	62.0
Nov	64.5	71.9	70.7	6.8	4.3	4.7	60.2	68.8	67.3	65.7	59.9	60.8	6.6	4.8	5.1	61.4	57.0	57.7	65.1	65.8	65.7	6.7	4.5	4.9	60.8	62.8	62.4
Dec	65.2	72.0	70.9	7.4	4.4	4.9	60.4	68.9	67.4	66.5	59.4	60.6	8.7	4.6	5.3	60.7	56.7	57.3	65.9	65.6	65.6	8.1	4.5	5.1	60.6	62.6	62.3
2006 Jan	64.6	71.5	70.3	8.3	4.3	5.0	59.2	68.4	66.8	65.7	60.1	61.0	6.9	5.0	5.3	61.2	57.1	57.7	65.1	65.7	65.6	7.6	4.7	5.1	60.2	62.6	62.2
Feb	65.4	71.5	70.4	8.1	3.8	4.5	60.1	68.7	67.3	66.8	59.6	60.7	7.0	4.7	5.1	62.1	56.8	57.7	66.1	65.4	65.5	7.6	4.2	4.8	61.1	62.6	62.4
Mar	65.9	71.4	70.5	7.8	3.4	4.1	60.8	69.1	67.6	67.3	59.6	60.9	7.3	4.4	4.9	62.4	57.0	57.9	66.6	65.4	65.6	7.5	3.8	4.4	61.6	62.9	62.7
Apr	65.6	71.0	70.1	6.9	3.2	3.8	61.1	68.8	67.5	68.7	59.9	61.3	8.6	4.5	5.2	62.8	57.2	58.1	67.1	65.3	65.6	7.7	3.8	4.5	62.0	62.9	62.7
May	65.6	71.3	70.3	9.0	3.7	4.6	59.7	68.6	67.1	67.2	60.1	61.2	7.7	4.3	4.9	62.1	57.5	58.3	66.4	65.6	65.7	8.3	4.0	4.7	60.9	63.0	62.6
Jun	63.1	71.0	69.7	9.2	3.3	4.2	57.2	68.7	66.7	68.5	59.5	60.9	6.1	3.9	4.3	64.3	57.2	58.3	65.7	65.1	65.2	7.6	3.6	4.3	60.7	62.8	62.5
Jul																											
Aug																											
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Average:																											
Jan-Jun05	62.8	72.5	70.9	12.6	5.0	6.2	54.9	68.9	66.5	65.2	60.0	60.8	10.6	5.6	6.5	58.3	56.6	56.9	64.0	66.1	65.8	11.6	5.3	6.3	56.6	62.6	61.6
Jan-Jun06	65.0	71.3	70.2	8.2	3.6	4.4	59.7	68.7	67.2	67.4	59.8	61.0	7.3	4.5	5.0	62.5	57.1	58.0	66.2	65.4	65.5	7.7	4.0	4.6	61.1	62.8	62.5

NOTE: due to relatively small sample sizes from which disaggregated data are derived, caution should be used in the interpretation of month-to-month changes in the estimates.

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Source: Statistics Canada

6 Employment by Full-Time/Part-Time Status

	Men				Women				Total			
	Full-Time	Part-Time	Total	Part-time as % of Total	Full-Time	Part-Time	Total	Part-time as % of Total	Full-Time	Part-Time	Total	Part-time as % of Total
1996	887.4	108.8	996.1	10.9	563.4	256.8	820.3	31.3	1,450.8	365.6	1,816.4	20.1
1997	893.5	113.9	1,007.4	11.3	580.2	272.8	853.0	32.0	1,473.7	386.7	1,860.5	20.8
1998	870.1	123.9	994.0	12.5	590.2	274.2	864.4	31.7	1,460.3	398.0	1,858.4	21.4
1999	882.5	129.0	1,011.5	12.8	606.1	276.8	882.9	31.4	1,488.6	405.8	1,894.4	21.4
2000	914.1	117.2	1,031.3	11.4	619.2	280.8	900.0	31.2	1,533.3	398.0	1,931.3	20.6
2001	896.7	123.4	1,020.1	12.1	620.9	280.5	901.4	31.1	1,517.6	404.0	1,921.6	21.0
2002	891.8	145.9	1,037.7	14.1	624.6	302.8	927.3	32.7	1,516.4	448.7	1,965.0	22.8
2003	929.7	136.1	1,065.8	12.8	635.2	313.6	948.9	33.0	1,564.9	449.7	2,014.7	22.3
2004	960.1	131.0	1,091.2	12.0	670.7	300.9	971.5	31.0	1,630.8	431.9	2,062.7	20.9
2005	1,000.8	129.7	1,130.5	11.5	693.0	307.0	1,000.0	30.7	1,693.9	436.7	2,130.5	20.5
	seasonally adjusted											
2005 Jan	1,002.2	115.9	1,118.1	10.4	685.5	298.8	984.3	30.4	1,687.7	414.7	2,102.4	19.7
Feb	992.0	122.9	1,114.9	11.0	683.1	305.1	988.2	30.9	1,675.1	428.0	2,103.1	20.4
Mar	985.5	129.9	1,115.4	11.6	686.6	302.5	989.1	30.6	1,672.1	432.4	2,104.5	20.5
Apr	999.7	121.9	1,121.7	10.9	682.3	313.0	995.3	31.4	1,682.0	435.0	2,116.9	20.5
May	1,009.7	123.8	1,133.4	10.9	692.5	304.8	997.3	30.6	1,702.2	428.5	2,130.7	20.1
Jun	985.7	143.6	1,129.3	12.7	685.2	309.2	994.5	31.1	1,670.9	452.9	2,123.8	21.3
Jul	995.9	132.7	1,128.6	11.8	702.7	297.4	1,000.2	29.7	1,698.6	430.1	2,128.8	20.2
Aug	990.1	136.9	1,127.0	12.1	699.1	310.9	1,010.0	30.8	1,689.2	447.8	2,137.0	21.0
Sep	997.4	134.8	1,132.2	11.9	691.9	308.2	1,000.1	30.8	1,689.4	443.0	2,132.4	20.8
Oct	1,006.7	133.1	1,139.8	11.7	694.6	314.3	1,008.9	31.2	1,701.3	447.4	2,148.7	20.8
Nov	1,018.1	132.3	1,150.4	11.5	708.0	310.6	1,018.6	30.5	1,726.1	442.9	2,169.0	20.4
Dec	1,027.5	126.5	1,154.0	11.0	702.1	311.0	1,013.1	30.7	1,729.6	437.5	2,167.1	20.2
2006 Jan	1,018.7	126.5	1,145.2	11.0	717.8	303.9	1,021.7	29.7	1,736.5	430.4	2,166.9	19.9
Feb	1,004.1	150.3	1,154.5	13.0	709.3	312.2	1,021.5	30.6	1,713.4	462.5	2,175.9	21.3
Mar	1,016.0	146.3	1,162.3	12.6	714.3	312.4	1,026.7	30.4	1,730.3	458.7	2,189.0	21.0
Apr	1,019.9	141.1	1,161.0	12.2	726.7	305.2	1,031.9	29.6	1,746.6	446.3	2,192.8	20.4
May	1,019.6	137.5	1,157.1	11.9	730.1	306.4	1,036.5	29.6	1,749.6	444.0	2,193.6	20.2
Jun	1,012.7	140.0	1,152.7	12.1	731.0	308.1	1,039.1	29.7	1,743.7	448.1	2,191.8	20.4
Jul												
Aug												
Sep												
Oct												
Nov												
Dec												
Average:												
Jan-Jun05	995.8	126.3	1,122.1	11.3	685.9	305.6	991.5	30.8	1,681.7	431.9	2,113.6	20.4
Jan-Jun06	1,015.2	140.3	1,155.5	12.1	721.5	308.0	1,029.6	29.9	1,736.7	448.3	2,185.0	20.5
% Change	1.9	11.0	3.0		5.2	0.8	3.8		3.3	3.8	3.4	

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Source: Statistics Canada

7a BC Employment by Industry

	All Industries		Total Goods Producing Industries		Agriculture		Other Primary		Utilities		Manufac-turing		Construc-tion	
	Emp ('000)	% Chg	Emp ('000)	% Chg	Emp ('000)	% Chg	Emp ('000)	% Chg	Emp ('000)	% Chg	Emp ('000)	% Chg	Emp ('000)	% Chg
1996	1,816.4		408.2		30.7		55.1		10.3		192.8		119.3	
1997	1,860.5	2.4	417.3	2.2	34.0	10.7	54.0	-2.0	9.9	-3.9	196.2	1.8	123.1	3.2
1998	1,858.4	-0.1	408.5	-2.1	33.0	-2.9	51.3	-5.0	11.1	12.1	195.9	-0.2	117.2	-4.8
1999	1,894.4	1.9	393.8	-3.6	28.1	-14.8	48.5	-5.5	11.1	0.0	191.8	-2.1	114.3	-2.5
2000	1,931.3	1.9	406.3	3.2	29.7	5.7	52.7	8.7	10.3	-7.2	202.5	5.6	111.1	-2.8
2001	1,921.6	-0.5	382.3	-5.9	25.5	-14.1	40.7	-22.8	10.5	1.9	194.9	-3.8	110.7	-0.4
2002	1,965.0	2.3	392.2	2.6	29.0	13.7	37.6	-7.6	11	4.8	196.6	0.9	118.1	6.7
2003	2,014.7	2.5	416.4	6.2	32.9	13.4	45.5	21.0	11.3	2.7	206.8	5.2	119.8	1.4
2004	2,062.7	2.4	436.9	4.9	36.9	12.2	35.6	-21.8	9.2	-18.6	211.2	2.1	144.0	20.2
2005	2,130.5	3.3	452.7	3.6	38.7	4.9	37.5	5.3	10.3	12.0	198.2	-6.2	168.0	16.7
	seasonally adjusted													
2005 Jan	2,102.4		458.9		39.6		37.5		8.1		209.4		164.3	
Feb	2,103.1	0.0	460.6	0.4	40.4	2.0	38.7	3.2	9.5	17.3	206.7	-1.3	165.5	0.7
Mar	2,104.5	0.1	449.2	-2.5	39.5	-2.2	36.1	-6.7	10.2	7.4	199.5	-3.5	164.0	-0.9
Apr	2,116.9	0.6	455.5	1.4	40.7	3.0	40.1	11.1	10.4	2.0	196.1	-1.7	168.3	2.6
May	2,130.7	0.7	452.0	-0.8	38.6	-5.2	41.4	3.2	12.9	24.0	194.3	-0.9	164.9	-2.0
Jun	2,123.8	-0.3	450.4	-0.4	39.2	1.6	40.5	-2.2	13.3	3.1	191.4	-1.5	166.0	0.7
Jul	2,128.8	0.2	458.4	1.8	42.6	8.7	35.3	-12.8	13.0	-2.3	199.6	4.3	167.9	1.1
Aug	2,137.0	0.4	447.6	-2.4	37.9	-11.0	37.1	5.1	11.2	-13.8	192.6	-3.5	168.8	0.5
Sep	2,132.4	-0.2	443.6	-0.9	35.6	-6.1	35.8	-3.5	10.3	-8.0	195.5	1.5	166.3	-1.5
Oct	2,148.7	0.8	443.2	-0.1	36.7	3.1	37.0	3.4	9.7	-5.8	192.7	-1.4	167.1	0.5
Nov	2,169.0	0.9	457.3	3.2	34.3	-6.5	35.0	-5.4	8.2	-15.5	207.1	7.5	172.7	3.4
Dec	2,167.1	-0.1	457.0	-0.1	39.6	15.5	36.4	4.0	7.3	-11.0	193.4	-6.6	180.4	4.5
2006 Jan	2,166.9	0.0	443.2	-3.0	34.2	-13.6	40.6	11.5	8.6	17.8	191.4	-1.0	168.3	-6.7
Feb	2,175.9	0.4	460.8	4.0	36.0	5.3	39.2	-3.4	8.0	-7.0	204.3	6.7	173.3	3.0
Mar	2,189.0	0.6	467.7	1.5	36.4	1.1	39.8	1.5	7.2	-10.0	207.1	1.4	177.2	2.3
Apr	2,192.8	0.2	459.9	-1.7	35.8	-1.6	39.0	-2.0	6.6	-8.3	201.0	-2.9	177.4	0.1
May	2,193.6	0.0	459.9	0.0	36.0	0.6	40.2	3.1	8.1	22.7	201.6	0.3	174.1	-1.9
Jun	2,191.8	-0.1	449.5	-2.3	32.2	-10.6	41.5	3.2	8.8	8.6	191.0	-5.3	176.0	1.1
Jul														
Aug														
Sep														
Oct														
Nov														
Dec														
Average:														
Jan-Jun05	2,113.6		454.4		39.7		39.1		10.7		199.6		165.5	
Jan-Jun06	2,185.0		456.8		35.1		40.1		7.9		199.4		174.4	
% Change	3.4		0.5		-11.5		2.6		-26.6		-0.1		5.4	

***NOTE**: Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over previous month.*

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Source: Statistics Canada

7b BC Employment by Industry

	Total Service Producing Industries		Transport and Warehousing		Retail and Wholesale Trade		Finance & Related		Community and Personal Service								Public Administration	
									Profess., Scient. & Tech Services		Education		Health & Social Services		Accommod., Food & Bev.		Other Service			
	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg
1996	1,408.2		100.3		291.2		124.0		108.2		118.4		183.3		140.8		235.9		106.1	
1997	1,443.2	2.5	108.0	7.7	297.7	2.2	127.7	3.0	112.1	3.6	120.3	1.6	191.3	4.4	142.2	1.0	243.2	3.1	100.7	-5.1
1998	1,449.9	0.5	105.6	-2.2	289.7	-2.7	122.3	-4.2	122.8	9.5	118.3	-1.7	197.4	3.2	146.8	3.2	253.2	4.1	93.8	-6.9
1999	1,500.5	3.5	115.9	9.8	304.8	5.2	121.0	-1.1	135.8	10.6	127.3	7.6	193.3	-2.1	149.1	1.6	260.8	3.0	92.5	-1.4
2000	1,525.0	1.6	116.9	0.9	300.8	-1.3	118.3	-2.2	135.8	0.0	136.6	7.3	201.2	4.1	154.5	3.6	268.4	2.9	92.4	-0.1
2001	1,539.3	0.9	112.4	-3.8	303.3	0.8	120.9	2.2	139.2	2.5	138.3	1.2	196.8	-2.2	163.7	6.0	275.1	2.5	89.5	-3.1
2002	1,572.8	2.2	112.9	0.4	324.9	7.1	123.3	2.0	136.1	-2.2	139.3	0.7	211.6	7.5	162.5	-0.7	274.1	-0.4	88.1	-1.6
2003	1,598.3	1.6	119.6	5.9	327.8	0.9	124.5	1.0	139.3	2.4	140.1	0.6	213.3	0.8	159.4	-1.9	281.2	2.6	93.0	5.6
2004	1,625.8	1.7	116.5	-2.6	315.8	-3.7	129.2	3.8	146.3	5.0	135.9	-3.0	219.2	2.8	175.3	10.0	290.4	3.3	97.2	4.5
2005	1,677.8	3.2	118.7	1.9	334.6	6.0	132.9	2.9	163.6	11.8	146.1	7.5	217.4	-0.8	175.8	0.3	293.6	1.1	95.1	-2.2
	seasonally adjusted																			
2005 Jan	1,643.5		114.9		321.4		128.3		155.9		139.1		220.4		177.1		292.7		93.8	
Feb	1,642.5	-0.1	113.5	-1.2	322.2	0.2	130.9	2.0	161.7	3.7	143.3	3.0	218.9	-0.7	166.8	-5.8	291.1	-0.5	93.9	0.1
Mar	1,655.3	0.8	114.2	0.6	326.0	1.8	137.3	4.9	163.1	0.9	143.5	0.1	216.4	-1.1	166.0	-0.5	292.1	0.3	94.8	1.0
Apr	1,661.4	0.4	110.7	-3.1	323.2	-1.5	131.7	-4.1	167.2	2.5	149.2	4.0	213.7	-1.2	178.5	7.5	292.1	0.0	95.3	0.5
May	1,678.7	1.0	119.0	7.5	329.1	1.8	134.9	2.4	167.3	0.1	149.2	0.0	208.3	-2.5	177.2	-0.7	290.7	-0.5	103.1	8.2
Jun	1,673.4	-0.3	118.1	-0.8	321.4	-2.3	139.8	3.6	171.5	2.5	151.4	1.5	209.7	0.7	173.3	-2.2	292.0	0.4	96.3	-6.6
Jul	1,670.4	-0.2	124.0	5.0	323.4	0.6	135.6	-3.0	163.8	-4.5	153.9	1.7	211.9	1.0	179.5	3.6	283.3	-3.0	95.1	-1.2
Aug	1,689.4	1.1	122.9	-0.9	338.4	4.6	137.0	1.0	164.3	0.3	149.5	-2.9	220.2	3.9	174.3	-2.9	286.6	1.2	96.2	1.2
Sep	1,688.8	0.0	124.9	1.6	342.4	1.2	127.4	-7.0	158.1	-3.8	148.3	-0.8	220.7	0.2	177.4	1.8	294.7	2.8	94.9	-1.4
Oct	1,705.5	1.0	121.6	-2.6	359.8	5.1	129.2	1.4	159.6	0.9	139.9	-5.7	225.1	2.0	178.9	0.8	298.6	1.3	92.8	-2.2
Nov	1,711.7	0.4	120.8	-0.7	353.1	-1.9	131.9	2.1	166.6	4.4	142.0	1.5	225.7	0.3	178.6	-0.2	301.8	1.1	91.2	-1.7
Dec	1,710.0	-0.1	118.4	-2.0	351.4	-0.5	131.1	-0.6	164.5	-1.3	146.1	2.9	218.2	-3.3	181.4	1.6	305.1	1.1	93.8	2.9
2006 Jan	1,723.7	0.8	124.2	4.9	352.0	0.2	128.0	-2.4	166.5	1.2	152.0	4.0	210.6	-3.5	180.3	-0.6	312.7	2.5	97.4	3.8
Feb	1,715.2	-0.5	128.7	3.6	361.1	2.6	129.4	1.1	171.6	3.1	150.2	-1.2	213.2	1.2	174.8	-3.1	292.4	-6.5	93.6	-3.9
Mar	1,721.3	0.4	126.1	-2.0	358.9	-0.6	132.7	2.6	166.1	-3.2	153.1	1.9	224.3	5.2	161.8	-7.4	304.0	4.0	94.3	0.7
Apr	1,733.0	0.7	123.8	-1.8	365.3	1.8	129.5	-2.4	171.4	3.2	152.4	-0.5	224.1	-0.1	166.8	3.1	305.0	0.3	94.8	0.5
May	1,733.7	0.0	122.2	-1.3	364.5	-0.2	132.3	2.2	168	-2.0	151.4	-0.7	237.3	5.9	167.1	0.2	298.6	-2.1	92.2	-2.7
Jun	1,742.3	0.5	124.3	1.7	369.4	1.3	136.4	3.1	161.3	-4.0	154.5	2.0	243.7	2.7	167.4	0.2	298.3	-0.1	87.0	-5.6
Jul																				
Aug																				
Sep																				
Oct																				
Nov																				
Dec																				
Average:																				
Jan-Jun05	1,659.1		115.1		324.2		133.8		164.5		146.0		214.6		173.2		291.8		96.2	
Jan-Jun06	1,728.2		124.9		361.9		131.4		167.5		152.3		225.5		169.7		301.8		93.2	
% Change	4.2		8.5		11.6		-1.8		1.8		4.3		5.1		-2.0		3.4		-3.1	

NOTE: Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over previous month.

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Source: Statistics Canada

9 BC Employment and Unemployment Rate by Region and Metropolitan Area

	British Columbia		Vancouver		Victoria		Abbotsford		Development Regions: Vancouver Island/ Coast		Mainland/ Southwest		Thompson-Okanagan		Kootenay		Cariboo		North Coast & Nechako		Northeast	
	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %
1996	1,816.4	8.7	946.5	7.9	142.7	8.6	62.7	11.4	308.7	9.4	1071.4	8.2	200.3	10.5	65.8	8.7	86.2	8.6	51.7	7.5	32.3	7.2
1997	1,860.5	8.4	966.4	8.2	149.8	7.6	68.2	8.0	322.0	8.7	1098.9	8.2	206.1	8.3	65.3	9.3	83.3	9.8	51.8	9.0	33.1	4.6
1998	1,858.4	8.8	970.8	8.0	147.2	8.7	66.9	10.1	315.5	9.7	1103.9	8.1	207.4	8.2	70.0	12.0	82.7	14.5	47.3	9.7	31.6	NA
1999	1,894.4	8.3	996.0	7.7	155.3	6.6	66.9	7.6	330.0	7.9	1130.1	7.7	206.1	9.6	69.4	9.3	81.4	11.6	46.7	8.8	30.7	8.9
2000	1,931.3	7.1	1,032.1	5.8	155.3	6.7	68.3	7.5	327.4	7.8	1164.6	6.1	210.3	9.3	70.8	10.0	79.1	9.9	47.3	10.2	31.8	5.9
2001	1,921.6	7.7	1,039.1	6.6	150.8	6.3	71.4	6.7	307.3	9.2	1175.0	6.7	210.2	9.3	70.4	9.7	79.4	9.7	45.6	11.2	32.5	6.1
2002	1,965.0	8.5	1,072.1	7.7	155.7	7.0	75.2	7.5	317.4	8.7	1,216.7	7.7	208.1	9.4	66.6	10.0	78.0	12.7	44.9	12.6	33.2	9.0
2003	2,014.7	8.0	1,103.5	7.3	158.7	6.2	74.9	7.5	319.1	8.6	1,251.4	7.3	218.8	8.8	67.4	11.5	78.2	11.1	44.8	11.3	34.9	6.4
2004	2,062.7	7.2	1,127.5	6.7	162.0	5.3	78.5	6.4	334.2	7.9	1,275.3	6.7	229.7	6.6	67.1	9.2	80.7	9.1	42.4	11.6	33.3	5.4
2005	2,130.5	5.9	1,155.7	5.7	169.3	4.5	78.3	5.5	350.0	6.3	1,307.3	5.7	244.0	5.3	69.2	6.1	80.1	7.4	45.7	8.1	34.3	4.7
	3- month moving average, actual, ending in:																					
2005 Jan	2,075.5	6.3	1,136.1	6.0	162.2	5.1	75.3	5.9	335.8	7.0	1,275.2	6.0	233.9	5.7	71.5	7.8	81.3	6.9	44.5	9.6	33.4	4.9
Feb	2,073.8	6.8	1,141.0	6.3	162.6	5.3	74.2	7.1	334.8	7.8	1,278.7	6.3	233.1	6.7	68.9	8.7	80.1	8.1	43.9	10.0	34.5	4.4
Mar	2,069.4	7.2	1,142.3	6.7	163.0	5.6	75.8	6.4	331.3	8.6	1,284.1	6.6	229.9	6.6	68.0	7.9	77.8	9.8	43.3	11.5	35.0	4.9
Apr	2,080.9	6.8	1,146.1	6.3	165.6	4.9	76.7	5.9	334.6	7.9	1,292.3	6.3	229.8	6.3	68.8	8.1	76.1	10.5	43.9	10.2	35.5	4.1
May	2,103.8	6.3	1,151.6	6.1	169.0	4.1	77.5	5.8	341.7	6.5	1,301.8	6.1	234.3	5.7	69.5	6.3	76.0	9.5	45.1	8.7	35.4	5.6
Jun	2,130.0	5.9	1,156.8	6.0	171.3	3.5	77.7	5.8	351.5	5.2	1,308.8	5.9	240.9	5.5	70.0	5.1	76.7	9.6	46.7	7.2	35.3	5.4
Jul	2,153.0	5.9	1,161.3	6.3	172.9	3.6	78.7	5.7	357.4	5.4	1,315.9	6.2	246.8	5.2	70.0	4.0	79.4	7.6	48.3	6.8	35.2	5.1
Aug	2,162.4	6.0	1,160.2	6.5	173.6	4.1	79.1	4.9	361.8	5.7	1,316.5	6.3	248.9	5.3	70.4	5.2	80.3	7.0	50.0	5.7	34.6	4.4
Sep	2,156.9	5.9	1,154.4	6.2	173.2	4.7	79.1	5.3	359.8	6.4	1,310.8	6.1	252.5	4.9	70.3	6.3	81.0	5.4	49.3	5.7	33.3	4.3
Oct	2,156.8	5.4	1,152.1	5.4	173.4	4.7	79.3	4.8	360.9	5.9	1,308.1	5.3	254.5	4.9	71.1	5.7	81.8	5.1	47.6	6.1	32.7	4.4
Nov	2,157.2	4.8	1,160.8	4.5	171.2	4.4	80.1	5.2	356.5	5.7	1,316.8	4.5	252.4	4.4	70.8	5.2	83.4	4.8	45.2	6.8	32.1	4.5
Dec	2,165.9	4.5	1,169.5	4.1	169.4	4.0	80.7	4.9	357.4	5.3	1,325.6	4.2	252.6	4.1	68.4	5.4	84.9	4.8	43.5	7.6	33.5	NA
2006 Jan	2,153.1	4.9	1,163.0	4.5	167.0	4.0	81.1	5.5	356.0	5.4	1,316.7	4.6	250.3	4.1	66.8	6.4	84.7	5.8	42.4	9.4	34.2	NA
Feb	2,144.3	5.1	1,152.3	4.8	168.0	3.8	81.2	5.0	360.9	5.3	1,307.2	4.8	249.7	5.0	65.9	7.2	84.1	5.8	41.8	9.7	34.7	NA
Mar	2,143.1	5.2	1,149.3	4.8	170.5	3.8	81.4	4.9	364.1	5.3	1,304.2	4.9	249.1	5.5	66.3	6.5	83.5	6.1	41.7	9.1	34.1	NA
Apr	2,158.6	4.8	1,163.7	4.3	173.7	3.5	80.5	4.6	365.9	4.9	1,318.2	4.3	248.6	6.0	66.7	5.7	82.9	5.9	42.1	7.7	33.2	NA
May	2,178.9	4.7	1,178.8	4.2	174.6	4.1	79.7	5.7	368.2	5.1	1,333.3	4.2	252.0	5.3	66.8	4.7	82.3	6.9	43.5	6.4	32.7	NA
Jun	2,199.3	4.5	1,191.4	4.1	176.3	3.6	80.0	5.1	370.4	4.5	1,346.0	4.1	252.4	5.0	70.1	5.7	83.0	6.6	44.8	5.1	32.7	4.4
Jul																						
Aug																						
Sep																						
Oct																						
Nov																						
Dec																						
Average:	year-to-date averages are based on monthy actual data																					
Jan-Jun05	2,099.7	6.5	1,149.6	6.3	167.2	4.5	76.7	6.1	341.4	6.9	1,296.5	6.3	235.4	6.1	69.0	6.4	77.3	9.7	45.0	9.3	35.2	NA
Jan-Jun06	2,171.2	4.8	1,170.4	4.5	173.4	3.7	80.7	5.1	367.3	4.9	1,325.1	4.5	250.8	5.3	68.2	6.0	83.3	6.4	43.2	7.1	33.4	NA
% Change	3.4		1.8		3.7		5.2		7.6		2.2		6.5		-1.2		7.8		-3.9		-5.0	

NOTE: Geographic boundaries changed on January 1, 2005.

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Source: Statistics Canada

10 BC Employment by Class of Worker

	Total Employment		Employees						Self-Employed	
			Total		Public		Private			
	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg
1996	1,816.4		1,489.5		332.1		1,157.4		326.9	
1997	1,860.5	2.4	1,500.4	0.7	336.2	1.2	1,164.2	0.6	360.1	10.2
1998	1,858.4	-0.1	1,474.6	-1.7	333.7	-0.7	1,140.8	-2.0	383.8	6.6
1999	1,894.4	1.9	1,512.9	2.6	345.9	3.7	1,167.1	2.3	381.4	-0.6
2000	1,931.3	1.9	1,574.7	4.1	358.9	3.8	1,215.9	4.2	356.6	-6.5
2001	1,921.6	-0.5	1,570.1	-0.3	350.8	-2.3	1,219.3	0.3	351.4	-1.5
2002	1,965.0	2.3	1,601.7	2.0	353.6	0.8	1,248.1	2.4	363.3	3.4
2003	2,014.7	2.5	1,638.4	2.3	360.5	2.0	1,277.9	2.4	376.3	3.6
2004	2,062.7	2.4	1,671.3	2.0	366.6	1.7	1,304.7	2.1	391.4	4.0
2005	2,130.5	3.3	1,714.8	2.6	369.8	0.9	1,345.0	3.1	415.8	6.2
	seasonally adjusted									
2005 Jan	2,102.4		1,697.9		367.2		1,330.7		404.5	
Feb	2,103.1	0.0	1,694.3	-0.2	370.2	0.8	1,324.2	-0.5	408.8	1.1
Mar	2,104.5	0.1	1,689.6	-0.3	355.5	-4.0	1,334.0	0.7	414.9	1 5
Apr	2,116.9	0.6	1,702.7	0.8	365.5	2.8	1,337.2	0.2	414.2	-0.2
May	2,130.7	0.7	1,736.3	2.0	376.7	3.1	1,359.6	1.7	394.5	-4.8
Jun	2,123.8	-0.3	1,717.8	-1.1	379.7	0.8	1,338.0	-1.6	406.0	2.9
Jul	2,128.8	0.2	1,708.9	-0.5	376.9	-0.7	1,332.0	-0.4	419.9	3.4
Aug	2,137.0	0.4	1,718.8	0.6	373.8	-0.8	1,345.0	1.0	418.1	-0.4
Sep	2,132.4	-0.2	1,713.0	-0.3	368.8	-1.3	1,344.2	-0.1	419.3	0.3
Oct	2,148.7	0.8	1,715.4	0.1	367.7	-0.3	1,347.7	0.3	433.3	3.3
Nov	2,169.0	0.9	1,743.9	1.7	367.2	-0.1	1,376.7	2.2	425.1	-1.9
Dec	2,167.1	-0.1	1,736.6	-0.4	368.8	0.4	1,367.8	-0.6	430.5	1.3
2006 Jan	2,166.9	0.0	1,756.3	1.1	382.3	3.7	1,374.0	0.5	410.7	-4.6
Feb	2,175.9	0.4	1,767.1	0.6	372.8	-2.5	1,394.3	1.5	408.9	-0.4
Mar	2,189.0	0.6	1,772.5	0.3	382.1	2.5	1,390.5	-0.3	416.5	1.9
Apr	2,192.8	0.2	1,787.9	0.9	384.8	0.7	1,403.1	0.9	405.0	-2.8
May	2,193.6	0.0	1,794.4	0.4	388.2	0.9	1,406.2	0.2	399.2	-1.4
Jun	2,191.8	-0.1	1,802.1	0.4	390.4	0.6	1,411.7	0.4	389.7	-2.4
Jul										
Aug										
Sep										
Oct										
Nov										
Dec										
Average:										
Jan-Jun05	2,113.6		1,706.4		369.1		1,337.3		407.2	
Jan-Jun06	2,185.0		1,780.1		383.4		1,396.6		405.0	
% Change	3.4		4.3		3.9		4.4		-0.5	

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Labour Force Statistics

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Definitions and Explanatory Notes

Reference Week

Monthly estimates of employment, unemployment, and persons not in the labour force refer to the specific week covered by the survey each month, normally the week containing the 15th day.

Labour Force

The labour force is composed of those members of the civilian non-institutional population 15 years of age and over who, during the reference week, were employed or unemployed.

Employed

Employed persons are those who, during the reference week, either: (a) did any work at all, or (b) had a job but were not at work due to own illness or disability, personal or family responsibilities, bad weather, labour dispute, vacation, or other reason not specified above (excluding persons whose job attachment was to a job to start at a definite date in the future).

Unemployment

Unemployed persons are those who, during the reference week, either: (a) were without work, had actively looked for work in the past four weeks (ending with the reference week), and were available for work; or (b) had not actively looked for work in the past four weeks but had been on layoff and were available for work; or (c) had not actively looked for work in the past four weeks but had a new job to start in four weeks or less from the reference week, and were available for work.

Unemployment Rate

The unemployment rate represents the number of unemployed persons expressed as a percentage of the labour force. The unemployment rate for a particular group (age, sex, marital status, etc.) is the number of unemployed in that group expressed as a percentage of the labour force for that group.

Participation Rate

The participation rate represents the labour force expressed as a percentage of the population 15 years of age and over. The participation rate for a particular group (age, sex, marital status, etc.) is the labour force for that group expressed as a percentage of the population for that group.

Employment Rate

The employment rate(employment/population ratio) is the number of employed persons expressed as a percentage of the population 15 years of age and over. The employment rate for a particular group (age, sex, marital status, etc.) is the employment for that group expressed as a percentage of the population for that group.

Rounding

Estimates published by the Labour Force Survey are rounded to the nearest thousand but all derived values (totals, averages, rates, ratios, percent changes, etc.) are calculated from unrounded figures. Therefore, the sum of the individual rounded items may not equal the total. Unadjusted estimates rounded to hundreds are available from BC STATS on request.

Seasonal Adjustment

Fluctuations in economic time series are caused by seasonal, cyclical and irregular movements. A seasonally adjusted series is one from which seasonal movements have been eliminated. Seasonal movements are defined as those which are caused by regular annual events such as climate, holidays, vacation periods, and cycles related to crops, production and retail sales associated with Christmas and Easter. It should be noted that the seasonally adjusted series contain irregular as well as longer-term cyclical fluctuations.

Source: Extracted from Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey, Definitions and Explanations